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Cooperative Program

Cooperation Said To Be The Key

By Earl Kelly, Pastor
Ridgecrest Church, Jackson

Under controlled conditions a large piece of burning wood might give off light and heat for several hours, but never longer than a few hours. Yet I know where there are large wooden beams which have been responsible for generating light and heat for many years.

Those beams are a part of the supporting structure underneath the flumes which divert mountain steams into the giant generators of the upper Tennessee Valley Authority system. Electricity is generated when the water from the flumes rushes through giant turbines underneath mammoth generators.

Like arteries from the heart, huge power lines, which stretch to every point of the compass, serve as conductors for this generated power.

Modern industries and homes attach themselves to this distribution system to receive light and power. The key to this modern miracle of science does not altogether lie in the erection of high voltage lines or better designed generators, but in the function of the wooden beams which support the flume line.

Though many miles may separate the beams from the area where power is utilized, it is really the beam that is responsible for the light and heat.

Two problems face Christians in giving to missions. The first problem grows out of a feeling of insignificance "What possible help will my limited resources be in an expensive world-wide program?" each Christian asks.

It would be as easy for one raindrop to sweeten the waters of an ocean as for my tithe to finance the world mission enterprise. Another problem is posed by distance. There is a temptation to be slack in the performance of our duty because we cannot possibly experience the light and warmth generated in some distant area by our help.

Both problems fade into the background when we recall Paul's statement to the Christians of all ages, "For we are laborers together with God. . ." (I. Cor. 3:9).

Think of it! We are being given the privilege of being co-workers of God. Let us never forget that God sees and cares what we do in the place where we work for him. We may do nothing but serve as a beam to hold God's flume line of grace up, but without each beam there would be no light and warmth where it is needed in our dark world. Even if we never see the results of our energies in this life, God sees. God also sees when there is only darkness.

The key to the mission movement is the cooperation of believing minds, seeing eyes, hearing ears, loving hearts, faithful voices, bended knees, compassionate hands, and willing feet. The Cooperative Program is my flume line, and I intend to be one beam in its supporting structure.



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We Increased Giving Thru The Cooperative Program

By Bill Duncan, Pastor
First Church, Brandon

The First Baptist Church of Brandon is in a mission program of increasing its giving to the Cooperative Program each year.

In 1968 our church voted to begin giving a certain percentage (10%) of our undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program. It was the agreed thought that the deacons would recommend that we add 1% each year until it hurt the local program.

I have not yet found that adding to the Cooperative Program has hurt anything.

Our amount of missions giving has increased greatly in our church. In 1967-68 we gave $8,520.00 to the Cooperative Program. By going to a percentage giving of 10% of our receipts we gave $9,711.65 to the Cooperative Program.

Including all of our missions offerings, we gave $19,526.00 beyond our church to missions. During this time we voted to support Emogene Harris as our missionary and established a summer mission emphasis to raise $2,000.00 needed for this project.

In 1969-70 we raised our percentage of receipts to 11% and we gave $11,049.00 to the Cooperative Program. During this same period our total missions expenditures has been $22,600.00

This coming year we plan to do even more for the Cooperative Program. The budget committee was very progressive this year and recommended to the deacons and church that we increase our giving to the Cooperative Program. We anticipate our receipts to be approximately $108,645.00 and if so we will give $13,500.00.

We have seen that it is much easier to raise our mission giving when we give on a percentage basis. The people have seen that more and more of their tithing dollar is going to carry out the mission purpose of our church. If our offering increases in the months ahead, then our mission giving will increase.

It has been a joy to see the mission spirit of our church grow among the people. We have enjoyed having church-wide mission studies on Sunday evenings two or three times a year. We have had many Southern Baptistt missionaries to speak about their work and they always mention that it is the Cooperative Program that keeps them there.

Even our missionary kids who spoke about the work of their families, Martha Cobb and Sandy Foster, along with several others have influenced our church to give more. This summer we carried a mission tour to Connecticut where we saw the needs for more missionaries and funds. The personal involvement in missions has

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'The Mission Imperative' Is Cited

By John Lee Taylor, Pastor
First Church, McComb

Fragmentation is dangerous! It weakens the structure. It divides the interest. It limits the perspective.

One of the dangers of the proclamation of the Gospel today is at this point. Too often, for the sake of organization, we have divided the mission of the church into the various missions of the church.

The different mission organizations have been the result of practical necessity. Effective proclamation, witness, and Christian social service demand a definite plan of organization.

But, when one begins to talk about "The Mission Imperative," the question arises immediately, which mission imperative: Local, State, Home or Foreign? One of the problems that develops then is that an individual or a church will place more emphasis on one area of mission than another. This produces an unbalanced approach and response to the total mission of the church.

The Biblical basis for missions is mission. One has well stated: "It is impossible to speak rightly of the Church without speaking of its mission to the world." The very existence of the church consists in its sharing the Good News of Christ in and to the world. Mission is the essence of the church's life. Mission is the purpose of God for the church. The various fields of mission endeavors are the expression of the church's efforts to fulfill its Christ-given purpose.

Dr. Walter Harrelson of the School of Theology at the University of Chicago has a very interesting discussion of "The Indicative and Imperative in Mission." The indicative of God is followed by the imperative of man. The indicative is God's command. The imperative is man's obedience. Abraham heard God's call as the command, and he "looked for a city, which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" in his obedience.

Throughout the Old Testament, when the indicative command of God is not followed by the imperative obedience of man, the consequence is judgment. This truth is particularly evident in Amos 3 — and it has never been revoked of God.

The whole revelation of God in Jesus Christ is God's indicative. Man's imperative is "Disciple the Nations." The foundation for Christ's imperative commission to man in Matthew 28:19-20 is His indicative Authority of Matthew 28:18! . . . "All powers is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Robertson said that he spoke as one already in heaven with a world-wide outlook and with resources of heaven at his command. "It is the sublimest of all spectacles to see the [illegible] army of slaves changing this band of five hundred men and women with world conquest and bringing them to believe it possible and to undertake it with serious passion and power."

Cast against this canvas of the commission, Christ then word-brushed in the compelling imperative portrait of mission: "As you go, disciple the nations and be in a continuous process of baptizing them and teaching them the things whatsoever I shall be commanding you."

The response of the individual Christian and the Christian Church is stated by Paul in I Corinthians 9:16 "I cannot be proud that I preach the gospel, for I do it of divine necessity." This divine "must" moves the church into the world in the fulfilling of its divine mission.

Should Re-Discover Objective

The Church needs to re-discover and re-define the divine "must" — this mission objective. With the overview of mission, our channels of missions expression are not divergent streams with different origins and different purposes. All missions spring from the mission heart of the Church with the ultimate goal of "drawing all men" unto Christ whether the focus is local, state, home or foreign.

It is good that we have our different mission emphases with the special offering opportunities. We need these times to keep our vision of world mission in proper perspective! Let us not allow them to become competitive or be the only times in the course of the church as it is expressed through a specific missions endeavor. Jesus reminded us that mission begins where we are and reaches to the uttermost part of the world.

The mission - minded church becomes then the missions fulfilling church as it strives to be obedient to Christ's command. Every missions program and mission action project is grounded in the church's commitment to mission; even as Christ said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so, send I you."

Our commission is to win the world to Christ — a world destined to double in population by the year 2000. Christ's presence urges us to push on in the campaign for world conquest for Him.

John R. Mott in the book, **Five Decades and a Forward View**, discusses the group at Williams College known as the Society of Brethren. Their objective was to "effect in the persons of its members a mission or

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What Is The Cooperative Program?

By W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary

The Cooperative Program was born in 1925. In that month of May I was ordained to the ministry. Thus, I have known the Cooperative Program all my ministry.

I have spoken the name and written the word thousands and thousands of times.

But, here in 1970, I wonder if it is just a 'word'? What IS the Cooperative Program?

It is not an end; it is a means. It is not something TO which I give; it is a medium THROUGH which I give.

It is a channel by means of which I can make proportionate my mission dollar as I hold the whole world in my heart.

The name itself may have become trite in the belief of some, and it may have become a bit impersonal in the opinion of others, but the basic philosophy expressed by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis in 1925 is as valid as ever.

No one yet has come up with a better plan for the support of all our kingdom effort.

By means of my mission dollar through the Cooperative Program I am able, in conjunction with hundreds of thousands of other Baptists, to proclaim New Testament truth in 76 countries of the world; assist in a Christian witness in all 50 States; and undergird the ministry of Baptists throughout Mississippi.

The Cooperative Program in Mississippi Baptist Churches is the joint effort of 500,000 members in personal witness through the lives of 2600 missionaries inn 76 countries, above 3000 workers of various sorts in all sections of the States and the training of God-called men and women in six theological seminaries.

It is having a part in electronic ministries, security in retirement for pastors and workers, and efforts to apply Kingdom principles to ever-changing conditions in our society.

It is a means of Mississippi Baptists providing education for their children; assistance to the churches and their organizations; shelter for needy children; health care for the ill and the injured; aid to needy mission points; assistance to language and minority groups; encouragement in evangelism and stewardship, and guidance and assistance in moral and social crises. This IS the Cooperative Program!

The Cooperative Program In World Missions

By Brooks H. (Hardy) Wester,
Pastor First Church, Hattiesburg

In a very real and meaningful way my life has never been away from the influence and outreach of Southern Baptists' world mission ministry.

I was born to mission minded parents who had offered their own lives for overseas work at a time when Southern Baptists were having to shorten their outreach because of lack of funds.

My preacher father never made it to the overseas mission field, but he never lost his love for missions. His devotion to Christ was contagious and his cooperative spirit was an inspiring example to me throughout his live.

He would point with pride to the mission buildings in my native state of Texas, where the Home Mission Board through Cooperative Program dollars given in the local churches had a part in their construction.

Some of the people who came to our home made lasting impressions on my life. My given names were taken from two men who were Baptist College presidents and who frequently visited my parents.

Missionaries from home and foreign fields were always welcome and they opened our minds to see the other parts of the world. As I now recall, their visits never ended without talk of need for more prayer support and more money.

But, they always expressed appreciation for the giving of the churches.

Not only was my home life under the influence of World Missions, my education beyond high school was made possible through Cooperative Program giving.

I attended Baptist colleges and a seminary supported by the gifts of Southern Baptist people. I, along with thousands of others, could not have received the education I now use for Christ had it not been for those schools I was privileged to attend.

My ministry since graduation has been strengthened by the ministries that are made possible through Cooperative Program giving. I cannot begin to recount the total worth of the instructions and assistance received through the work of all the departments of our State Convention.

Enlargement campaigns, training programs, teaching clinics, family life seminars, and mission conferences have brought to our state the finest leadership available and these experiences have been most helpful to me and all who attended.

These have been made possible through funds provided by Cooperative giving in the churches.

It has been my privilege to be on some of the overseas mission fields where Southern Baptists are working.

These experiences have caused me to be more keenly conscious of the effective work being done because individual Christians present their tithes and offerings regularly to the Lord through their churches, and the churches regularly send their mission dollars through the cooperative program to the uttermost part of the earth.

In country after country in Central and South American I have been in buildings made possible by gifts from faithful Baptists all over the United States. I have worshipped in church buildings that could never have been built by those congregations now meeting there.

Their numbers and economic conditions would have made those structures an impossible dream. I also have met for worship in places where there is no building because funds were not sufficient.

Earth For A Floor

In one Central American country we met with a congregation of more than fifty as we worshipped under a tin roof supported by six poles. There were no walls and just the good earth for a floor. The tropical rain fell in torrents that caused the metal of the roof to become a sound blasting surface, but that group overcame the noise of the roof as they sang the praises of God.

They need help to build a building that can become a focal point of faith for reaching an entire community of more than ten thousand people. There was no other church building or witness for Christ in the area.

In the island nation of Trinidad and Tobago I had the privilege of working for two weeks with some of God's choice people. Baptists from Britian have been at work there for more than one hundred and fifty years and have done well.

They have a beautiful church build-

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The Cooperative Program Is At Work In Our Associations

By Eugene L. Roberts
Superintendent of Missions
Lincoln Association

The Cooperative Program is at work in our associations. It works through the Association Missions Program. The Association Missions Program provides opportunities for the training of church leadership. This is accomplished through conferences, clinics, and workshops within the association. The association office serves as a resource center for information and a variety of services to the churches in the conduct of their work. Through the association leadership some activities are carried to individual churches to help meet a particular need in that church.

In each of our associations a representative from the Cooperative Missions Department has conducted a Literacy Workshop to train church workers. The association missionary in each instance made the arrangements and the Cooperative Missions Department provided a worker. Persons trained to teach these non-reading Adults, in some instances, are still working with persons they have taught to read. This is one way the Cooperative Program works in our associations.

For some years a center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary system has operated in one of our associations. This ministry to National Baptist churches and pastors is made possible with the aid of the Cooperative Program.

Recently two churches have erected new buildings. One of these churches was a mission church starting from "zero." From State Mission funds these churches have received some building aid. This is another way the Cooperative Program works in our associations. These buildings are helping NOW. So one can say that the Cooperative Program money invested in these buildings is at work NOW.

In one of our associations there is a junior college with approximately 500 students. With the help of Cooperative Program funds a full-time BSU secretary is employed. Efforts are under way to provide a Baptist student center at some time in the future. Providing this spiritual ministry on the college campus is another way the Cooperative Program is at work in our associations.

Several churches in the two associations have built buildings in recent years. In some cases it was a sanctuary; in other cases it was educational space; and in a few cases it was a pastor's home. These churches have used the building consultant in the Sunday School Department. The Cooperative Program works in our association through the services provided by this consultant.

Some of our churches have used summer music workers provided by the Music Department. These workers were trained and provided by our Mississippi Baptist Music Department. This is another avenue of service helping the churches through the Cooperative Program.

In both associations Stewardship Conferences have been conducted to help pastors and the churches. Usually the missionary made the local arrangements and the Stewardship Department provided the personnel and the materials for the conferences. This is made possible through the Cooperative Program.

The churches of our two associations, for the most part, are served by pastors who received their education in our Baptist colleges and seminaries. Cooperative Program funds aided in great measure in providing training for these men. This is yet another way the Cooperative Program is at work in our associations.

The Cooperative Program is also at work in our associations through the many services and materials made available through denominational channels. Actually the results are seen as individual churches avail themselves of these services and utilize them for the development of their own church programs.

The Cooperative Program And the Rural Church

By Tommy Jones, Pastor
Improve Baptist Church
Columbia, Miss.

I am grateful to God for the mission opportunities afforded the rural church, and all our churches for that matter, through the Cooperative Program. Our rural churches from the smallest to the largest are given an opportunity to have a part in some way in all the mission endeavours of our great work.

When we think about the ministries of our mission program we are thinking about preaching, healing, teaching, and compassion ministries.

When we study the scope of these great ministries that are undergirded by Cooperative Program giving we see ministries in our own state, nation, and around the world. Let's think for a moment about these ministries and their scope.

In our state, we have a hospital rendering a great service to all our people; Junior and senior colleges are helping to educate our young people and train them for Christian service in every vocation imaginable; our children's home is ministering to the needs of many needy children daily; much information and assistance is given to local churches by our state convention staff in the state office. You are there through your gift to the Cooperative Program!

In our nation, we have more than 2500 home missionaries serving. These carry on ministries of teaching, preaching, healing, and compassion. They serve in reaching the Negro, Indian, Spanish, French,Chinese, and Italian speaking Americans, and in reaching the multitudes of the unreached in the cities, rural, mountain, and pioneer work areas of our own nation. You are there as you support the Cooperative Program!

In the world, 2500 missionaries are serving in 75 foreign countries, preaching, teaching in colleges and schools, working in publication houses, hospitals, dispensaries, and clinics. We are all there as we cooperate together through the Cooperative Program!

Though most of us may not agree with every individual item we support with our Cooperative Program gifts, I am persuaded that it is God's plan, and that it is the best means of mission giving we as rural churches have at our disposal. Many people can point out every thing wrong with our mission program but no one has offered anything better. As we become better informed we see the things that are right and good outweigh by far any weakness we find. In the meantime, let's pray for and support our Cooperative Program efforts, at the same time seeking to make adjustment in that which we feel is unworthy of our support.

I state again that I believe it is the best means we have of supporting missions and I believe this is proven by the fact that the church which does not support the Cooperative Program most always ends up doing little or nothing for the cause of world missions. I am grateful to God that I can be there in a small way through my church and the Cooperative Program, ministering where I could never minister in any other way.

Baptist Work Started In Sarawak, Malaysia

The first Southern Baptist missionary couple to do evangelistic work in the Malaysian state of Sarawak arrived in Kuching, the capital, in June of this year.

Five days later Mr. and Mrs. Bobby D. Evans held an initial worship service in their living room with 13 persons present. "Since that day, our number has increased and the spirit of worship and fellowship is thrilling," reported Mrs. Evans. A weekly Bible study is being held in the homes of Christians and non-Christians alike, she added.

One day eight members of the Baptist group distributed handbills door-to-door in the heavily populated Green Road section where the Baptist Gospel Center and missionary residence is located. The following Sunday over 100 people crowded into the Evanses' living room and peered through doors and windows to see a movie. Tracts were given to those attending, and plans were made to show other movies.

The Evanses have opened their home to young people who meet weekly for recreation and "spiritual uplift." These meetings offer opportunities for Christians to bring their non-Christian friends to get acquainted, said Mrs. Evans. At least one girl has accepted Christ after talking with the Evanses.

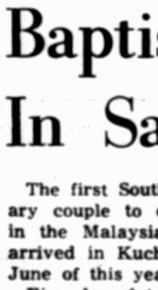
Attempts to start work in Sarawak began in 1952 with a survey by Eugene L. Hill, then a Southern Baptist missionary and now a Foreign Mission Board administrator. At that time the British colonial government denied permission for Baptists to open a mission in Sarawak.

In 1964 another survey was made by missionaries Ernest W. Glass (resigned) and Charles H. Morris, along with Chinese pastor Victor Tan. The government of Sarawak, by then a part of Malaysia, turned down their appeal that missionaries be allowed to begin work there.

Missionary Reflects On Annual Physical

By Jean Jacobs
Guyana

"I'll bet Lottie Moon did not have to do this," my husband grumpily observed. He was feeling the effects of a typhoid booster shot at the time.



My bright answer was "No, but then she did not have a Dr. Fowler to watch out for her." My shot had not started hurting at the time.

This dialogue took place as we were completing our annual physical exam which is required by the Foreign Mission Board for missionaries on the field. Dr. Franklin T. Fowler is the medical consultant for the board.

The doctor who checked us over at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Guyana was of East Indian descent, and the lab technicians were of African descent. This seems most appropriate since these are the two largest groups of people in our country. We are thankful that we have these very good medical facilities here in Guyana.

Thinking back over the physical exam now that the pain of being "stuck" is over, I am filled with a deep sense of thankfulness. I am thankful for a healthy body; thankful for a Dr. Fowler and those at board headquarters in Richmond, Va., who are concerned for our welfare; and thankful for all the Southern Baptists who make it possible that our physical needs are cared for as we give our lives to share the story of God's love with the people of Guyana.

(NOTE: A native of Booneville, Miss., Mrs. John I. Jacobs is the former Jean Holley. She attended Clarke College, Mississippi College, and was graduated from Delta State College. Her husband, a native of Canton, Ohio, has been associated with several Mississippi churches. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969. They have two sons, John Jr., age 21, and Thomas, 13.)

Mission Importance - - -

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missions to the heathen." Out of their famous Haystack Prayer Meeting came the nineteenth century student mission movement. One of the leaders, Samuel Mills, set the tone of their effort when he stood in their meeting and said,

"We can do it, if we will." And they willed to do it — and so do we!

Elton Trueblood in his hymn, "Baptism by Fire," says,

"Thou, whose purpose is to kindle
Now ignite us with Thy fire;
While the earth awaits Thy burning
With Thy passion us inspire.

Teach us courage as we struggle
In all liberating strife;
Lift the smallness of our vision
By Thine own abundant life."

Increased Giving - - -

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made the difference.

The secret of our growth in percentage giving to the Cooperative Program has been the spirit of people who want to see how much they can do. Many people want to do just as much as they have to. Today we feel that there is a greater need for Missions in our state, Nation, and world than ever before.

These needs will not be met if the local church does not do more. So we want tot be counted among the churches that are committed to doing more. The young people who went on the trip want to raise some money by working with their hands to help support the home missionary where we served in Connecticut this summer.

It seems that missions is becoming something that everyone can do. The best that most of us can do is to give more to the Cooperative Program.

It is the prayer of the First Baptist Church in Brandon that you will join with us in increasing your Cooperative Program gifts each year.

"He Always Comes Through Strong Here"

Dr. Chester Swor Returns To MC; Leads Christian Growth Week

Communicating with college students is no easy job nowadays, but it can be done.

Dr. Chester Swor, world renowned youth speaker and counselor, proved it recently while conducting "Christian Growth Week" at Mississippi College.

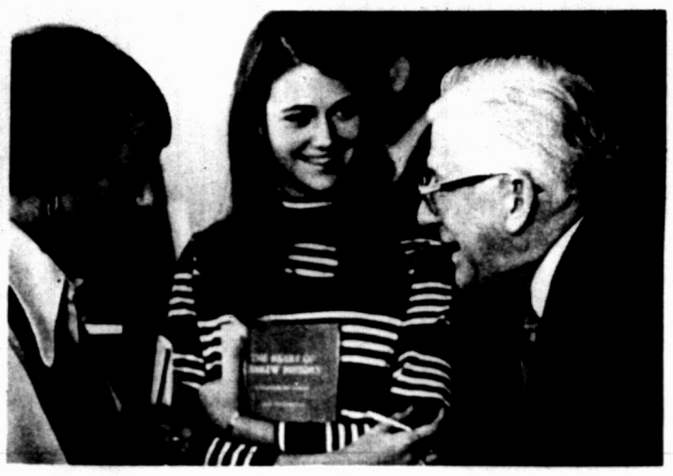
He communicated with the students — through lectures, through personal interviews, through buzz sessions in the residences, through discussions — and they listened.

Students were stirred by what he had to say and the manner in which he said it. Mississippi College was changed.

Evidence of Christian growth ra iated from both students and faculty because of their contact with Dr. Swor. His warm personality and deep convictions have a way of snaring the hearts of everyone he comes in contact with. He ccccaptu Mississippi College.



MANY of Dr. Swor's illustrations originated while he was serving as dean of men at Mississippi College and living in Chrestman Hall. Some of the happenings on the basement floor of the dorm are both warm and side-splitting. Here he goes back for a visit to the residence with the present dean of men, Ed Hewlett. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



CHATTING with two attractive Mississippi College coeds, Dr. Chester Swor illustrates his ability of communicating with college students. His nightly sessions in the residence halls were stimulating to those in attendance. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



WITH a cup of coffee in his hand, Dr. Swor pauses to reflect on some of the contacts he has had with Mississippi College students. His influence on their lives will live forever. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



ALTHOUGH his primary contact was with the students, Dr. Swor didn't forget the faculty and staff. Here he is shown in an informal discussion meeting in the faculty lounge with some of the administrative and teaching corps. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Dr. Swor always comes through strong at Mississippi College for it was here that he got his start. He served as professor of English and dean of men. Many of his illustrations relate to incidents which happened on campus while he was associated with the college.

Christian growth has taken place at Mississippi College. Dr. Swor is responsible.

We Built Without Decreasing The Cooperative Program

John G. McDonald, Pastor,
Robinson Street Church, Jackson

The Robinson Street Church, along with thousands of other Southern Baptist Churches, shares in the multiple ministry and outreach of our Cooperative Program. Our church maintains a strong mission emphasis and we believe the Cooperative Program provides us with the best channel to maintain the gospel witness given us by our Lord.

The motivation for mission giving and the compulsion to support the world - wide gospel proclamation is largely from within. Other budget items such as maintenance, utilities, debt payment, salaries, literature and other local expenses have monthly reminders. They are, in a sense, fixed items. These matters are often given priority over mission allocations. Especially is this true when it becomes necessary to borrow a sizable sum of money to pay for new facilities. Our church recently completed a new auditorium and while building it, we have actually increased our gifts through the Cooperative Program.

On June 15, 1966, our church authorized the building of a new auditorium. At this time our budget allocation for the Cooperative Program was 15%. In 1967, we increased this to 16% while plans were underway for building. It is also significant that this same year we received a record Lottie Moon Offering. When we broke ground on March 25, 1968 for our new auditorium, the Cooperative Program allocation had been increased to 17%. In 1969, we gave 18% of a 48 week budget, and when we entered our worship center for the first service, March 8, 1970, we were giving 18% on a 52 week budget.

The call of missions is the call of God. In Acts 16:9, we have recorded Paul's vision of a Macedonian: "—Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Though mission giving is motivated greatly from within, it is also motivated by the call from above—"Go, ye—", said Jesus; and by the call from without — "help us." A needy world lost without Christ calls to us.

I am deeply grateful to God for His plenteous grace and abundant blessings and thank Him that our people have maintained a continuing interest in His work all over the world. Yes, we did build without cutting our giving to world mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program In World Missions Work

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ing in downtown Port - of - Spain but no other church in a city of more than 200,000 population. Southern Baptists have been in the nation less than 20 years and God is using our missionaries to expand His witness.

We conducted revival services in the Valley Baptist Church during the week, but early in the morning the last Sunday we went to the outer edge of the city to a community nestled in one of the traces lining the mountain.

In the dawn's early light we were greeted by more than thirty people under a shed that was really a part of the barnyard complex. The owner had cleaned this out for the missionary to use for church services anytime he could. When the invitation was extended that morning, a man of middle age was the first to step forward to make profession of faith in Christ.

Later this man said, "Someday we will have a church in our trace and we will have our own preacher, but until then, please keep sending the missionary to preach the gospel to us."

Somehow, every time I place my tithe in my envelope each week, I remember that man's appeal and I thank God for my church and its support of the world mission program that reaches Trinidad.

In Japan I had the great privilege of being with the Bob Boatwrights when they were in Sendai. This lovely city situated in the northeastern part of the island of Honshu is a university city.

We had but one church to minister to a city of 500,000 people for many years but it has been doing a marvelous job. But Bob was the only missionary for an area in which two million people were living.

We never prayed without asking God for help in bringing others to the fields. One day we drove to a new housing development just unplanned to house several thousand families. As Bob spoke of his yearning to establish a work there from the very beginning, his voice faltered as he said, "but we don't have enough money to buy the land, much less build a house for the Lord."

Little did we know that day, but the Lord worked in the heart of a praying woman in Georgia who gave enough money to buy the property and start the building. The people of the church where I was privileged to pastor helped equip the building and some of the people won to faith in Christ during our revival moved to the area and became the nucleus of the new church in Sendai.

Cooperative Program dollars have helped the work to prosper ever since. I have a part in the work every week and so do you when you present your tithes and offerings to the Lord in a mission minded church.

The Cooperative Program is at work in World Missions. It wants to do more than it now performs. It waits upon your gifts and mine. How long must it wait? How long, O Lord, how long?

Revival Dates

Second, Indianola: Oct. 25-30; Rev. Jimmie Albritton, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; Bob Koonce, minister of music at Second Church, singer; Rev. Donnie L. Stewart, pastor.

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32nd State Convention Is Organized

CAMP HILL, Pa. (BP) — Messengers from Southern Baptist churches in Pennsylvania and South Jersey organized here the 32nd Baptist state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention during an organizational meeting at Country and Town Baptistt Church here.

The statewide Baptist organization was created 263 years after pioneer Baptists of America organized their first association in 1707—the Philadelphia Association in that city about 100 miles east of here. Camp Hill is a suburb of Harrisburg, Pa.

The new state convention was organized with 60 churches, 15 missions and a total of 8,500 members.

Currently, the churches are affiliated Ohio and Maryland conventions of Southern Baptists, and will continue this relationship until the new Pennsylvania South Jersey Convention begins official operations on Jan. 1, 1971.

During the organizational meeting here, the 165 messengers and 85 visitors heard plans for the future, and the messengers adopted a 1971 budget of $120,500.

The budget includes a Cooperative Program goals of $96,600, of which 20 per cent will go to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes. Additional financial support will come through assistance from the SBC Home Mission, Sunday School Board, and the Maryland and Ohio Baptist state conventions.

In a major address, the president of the convention, C. Ed Price of Pittsburg, stressed the fact that the new convention was being formed in a time of religious decline in America.

Price, an engineer for Westinghouse, Inc., observed that "according to my slide rule, Southern Baptists in our area are only .0006 of one per cent of the population."

Citing a recent Gallup Poll which indicated a loss of church attendance and influence by religion, the convention president said, "We must find more recruits for our army."

Joe Waltz, executive secretary-treasurer of the new convention, said the convention is seeking to have 307 churches with 50,000 members by 1980. Waltz issued a challenge to reach an immediate goal of 30 new mission chapels, 2,200 new members

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32 Gavels Secured From Around The World

In the future, when presidents of the state Baptist conventions rap their meetings to order, each will be able to do so with one of 32 gavels sent from Southern Baptist mission fields around the world. Secured over a six month period by the Foreign Mission Board and the cost of this project assumed by the Stewardship Commission, SBC, the presentation of these gavels will highlight the importance of the Cooperative Program in world missions. Shown examining the gavels on display in the foyer of the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville, is Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia and Dr. James V. Lackey, Executive Director - Treasurer Elect, Stewardship Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

Bates Says Don't Relate Racism To Churches Only

DALLAS (BP)—Integration is far more complicated than a local church problem. If it isn't handled right, it could destroy both black and white fellowships, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention said in a news conference here with Dallas media.

Carl Bates, SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., declined to position himself on the conflict involving integration at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The pastor and youth director of the all-white Birmingham church resigned in September after the congregation refused to grant membership to a Negro woman and her 11-year-old daughter. A majority voted to accept the Negro applicants, but the church's bylaws required a two-thirds majority on any contested action after the deacons had reviewed the action.

"It is difficult to get all the facts in such a complex situation as this," Bates said, adding that he does not feel he should "interfere in any way with the affairs of local churches."

He noted, however, that "the SBC is in no way segregated" and that the church he serves has an open door policy, although there are presently no Negro members.

"We have sought to enlist Negroes but did not get much response and some of the Negro pastors in Charlotte resented our efforts."

He warned that even Negro Baptist conventions have expressed fear of black racism.

"It goes to the heart of national life," Bates said. "If we relate racism to the church alone, we're going to miss the heart of the problem.

The SBC president was in Dallas to speak at the 40th anniversary observance of the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

During the observance it was an-

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About That Pornography Commission Report

By J. Clark Hensley
Executive Director
Christian Action Commission

The **Hattiesburg American** called it "depraved." James Kilpatrick in the **Meridian Star** stated, "It is one of the most curious — and most repellent — documents to ever come from the government's press." The Nixon administration disclaimed it after the advance notices of possible recommendations, although it was "a President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography." Mr. Nixon appointed only one member, Mr. Charles Keating, attorney and founder of Citizens for Decent Literature. Mr. Keating filed his own separate dissent, stating, "The Commission Majority Report can only be described as a travesty, pre-ordained by the bias and prejudice of its chairman — closely followed by his staff — who has long advocated relaxation of restraints for the dealers in pornography. The report of the majority of the Commission does not reflect the will of Congress or the opinion of law-enforcement officials throughout our country and — worst of all — flouts the underlying opinions and desires of the great mass of the American people. Were we not concerned with the morals and life of a nation, the situation represented by the majority report would be ludicrous."

Mr. Keating joined Rev. Morton A. Hill, S. J., and the Rev. Winfrey C. Link in a minority report and called the conclusions and recommendations presented by the majority report "fraudulent." To quote:

"The Commission's majority report is a Magna Carta for the pornographer. It is slanted and biased in favor of protecting the business of obscenity and pornography, which the Commission was mandated by the Congress to regulate.

"The Commission leadership and majority recommend that most existing legal barriers between society and pornography be pulled down. In so doing, the Commission goes far beyond its mandate and assumes the role of counsel for the filth merchant —a role not assigned by the Congress of the United States.

"The Commission leadership and majority recommend repeal of obscenity law for "consenting adults." It goes on then to recommend legislation for minors, public display and thrusting of pornography on persons through the mails.

"The American people should be made aware of the fact that this is precisely the situation as it exists in Denmark today. The Commission, in short, is presumptuously recommending that the United States follow Denmark's lead in giving pornography free rein. . . .

"The conclusions and the recom-

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SBC Mission Gifts Up Slightly But September Is Down

NASHVILLE (BP) — Mission contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's unified budget plan, the Cooperative Program, were up 2.21 per cent for the first three quarters of the 1970 despite a slight decrease in giving during the month of September.

Cooperative Program gifts for the first nine months of 1970 reached $21,051,295, an increase of $454,848 or 2.21 per cent over the $20½ million given for the same period in 1969.

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Miller Resigns To Take Alabama Post

Rev. Kenneth Miller, associate in Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board since 1968, has resigned to accept a similar post with the Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, Ala.



Mr. Miller

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the board's executive secretary, in making the announcement, said that his resignation would be effective Nov. 1.

Mr. Miller was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charleston before coming with the Convention Board.

Prior to that he was pastor of East Louisville Baptist Church and Rock Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Olive.

A native of Birmingham, Mr. Miller is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Miller is the former Marvel Phillips of Linden, Ala., and she was also graduated from Samford.

Baptists Have Spent $7,300 For Victims Of War In Jordan

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries spent $7,300 in the first week of October for relief of Jordanian civil war victims, according to John D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary from Europe and the Middle East.

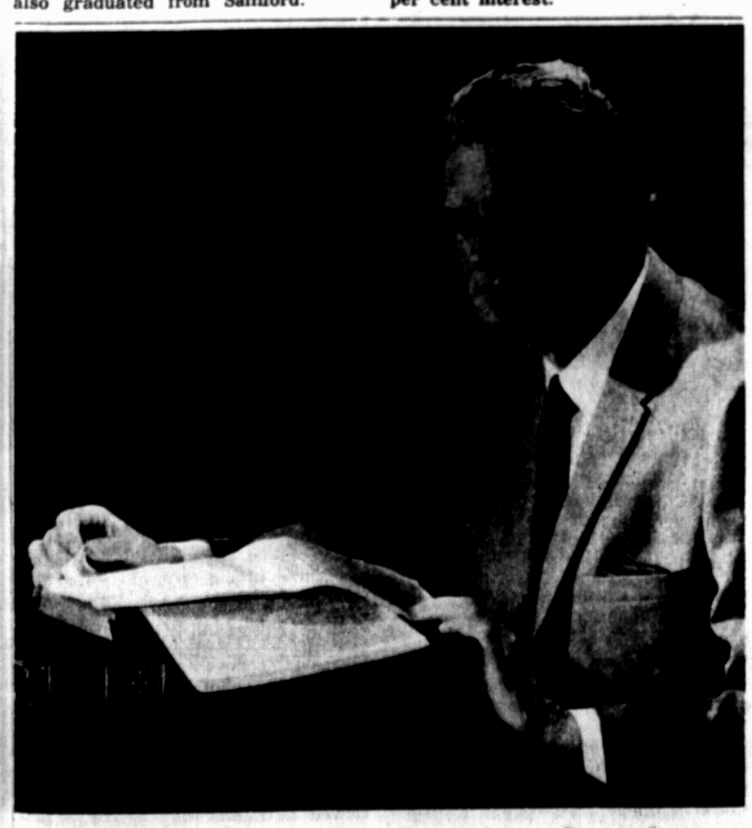
Funds were sent by the board to missionaries in Beirut, Lebanon. They purchased $5,000 in food supplies to be flown to Amman, Jordan, scene of heavy fighting between Palestinan guerrillas and Jordanian soldiers. It cost another $2,300 to transport the supplies from Beirut to Amman.

Missionary Paul S. C. Smith was in Amman to help supervise the relief effort, Hughey reported.

Word on the welfare of missionaries still in Jordan and those who had gone to Lebanon came in a call from Dr. L. August Lovegren, who had arrived a few hours earlier in Beirut.

Dr. Lovegren had remained at the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, with no contact with the outside world since Sept. 17. He reported that there had been shooting near the hospital

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Graham To Conduct Louisiana Crusade

BILLY GRAHAM will conduct a Louisiana Crusade Oct. 21-25, with the services to be held in the LSU-Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge. Wednesday through Saturday there will be one service daily at 7:30 p. m. The one service Sunday will be at 3:00 p.m. Those on platform with Mr. Graham will be Cliff Barrows, song leader; George Beverly Shea, soloistt; Tedd Smith, pianist, and John Innes, organist.

Federal School Aid Opposed By Baptists

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists have joined a score of national organizations with membership over 34 million to oppose proposed educational voucher experiments which would provide public funds to private and parochial schools as well as to public schools.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its semiannual meeting here expressed its concern for quality education in the nation. The committee in a statement expressed hope that experiments using public funds for the improvement of education "will be carried out within the framework of public schools, as we have traditionally know them.

"We point out tha tthere is a dangerous blurring of the separation between church and state as public funds are channeled into religiously owned and operated schools," the Baptist Joint Committee statement continued. It charged as "unwarranted" a redefinition of "public school" as one which is open to all segments of the public.

At the September meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention a resolution was approved which opposed "the implementation of any educational voucher system which would permit the use of public funds either directly or indirectly by private church-related elementary and secondary schools."

An informal coalition of education, religious and civil rights organizations in the nation's capital has taken action to halt proposed educational voucher experiments in the Office of Economic Opportunity until public hearings are held and until adequate safeguards are built in to assure the best interests of public education.

In brief, the proposed experiment would provide educational vouchers to parents in amounts roughly equal to the current expenditures of the public schools in their community. The parents would then be free to use the vouchers as tuition for their children in the school of their choice, public, private or parochial. Payment would be made to the school and not to the pupil or parents.

The purpose of such an experiment, according to Donald Rumsfeld, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, would be to determine whether parental choice of schools would improve the quality of education in the nation. This improvement, supposedly, would result from competition among the various types of schools for the educational dollars provided by the vouchers.

Rumsfeld charges that those opposing the voucher plan are simply opposed to experiment in education and that their concern is the preservation of the educational "establishment" rather than developing the quality of education offered to pupils.

The coalition participants deny charges and countercharge that the

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Baptist School Struck By Celia Accepts Federal Loan

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)—The University of Corpus Christi, damaged extensively by the 161-mile-per-hour winds of Hurricane Celia, has accepted a $500,000 low-interest federal loan from the Small Business Administration to rebuild damaged facilities.

The loan is believed to be the first of its kind accepted by an institution of the Baptist General Convention of Texas with a federal agency.

The Baptist state convention has on three occasions, 1963, 1965, and 1968, voted against permitting its institutions to accept federal loans.

Last year, the convention meeting in San Antonio voted 1,203-728 against a recommendation which would have allowed Texas Baptist institutions to secure long-term government loans for building construction.

The Small Business Administration has already made loans in the Corpus Christi area totalling about $89 million as a result of the hurricane. Several loans have been made to churches, and according to unofficial reports, four of the churches are affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Teras.

Kenneth A. Maroney, president of the Baptist school, said the loan will not be used for capital improvement or any purpose other than repair of "severe devastation." The loan is specifically restricted to emergency repair not covered by insurance, he said.

"Other than that," Maroney added, "there are no strings attached, except financial responsibility to repay it over a 30-year period at three per cent interest."

Maroney and J. H. West of Bishop, Tex., trustee chairman, said the school's decision boiled down to a choice: take the loan or go out of business.

Maroney said a survey of damage had fired the amount of $1,294,144 and that the university is "not even close to settling with the insurance companies."

He and West said the institution had to act quickly because of commitments to faculty and students, which had been signed for the 1970-71 school year. Celia struck just 30 days before school was scheduled to open in September.

Additionally, Maroney erplained, the university campus was acquired from the General Services Administration under a contract which required it to be operated as an educational institution for 20 years. That period expires next August.

He said failure to open might have voided the contract with the federal agency. "It was imperative we have school," he said, and also imperative

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LEADERSHIP READINESS MEETINGS SET

Four Leadership Readiness Conferences are being projected for Mississippi during the week of February 22-25, 1971, according to W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary. These conferences were recently publicized through The Baptist Program distributed to pastors over the state.

The purpose of these conferences is to provide an opportunity for church leaders to communicate personally with Southern Baptist Convention program leaders, present procedures and materials for the church Planning - Training - Launching Plan recommended for the fall of 1971, and to offer training opportunity for church council members.

Conferences have been scheduled on February 22 at West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo; February 23 at First Church, Greenwood; February 24 at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson; and on February 25 at First Church, Hattiesburg. The meeting in Jackson will be from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., while the other three are scheduled for 12:30 p. m. until 9:30 p. m.

Each conference will offer ample opportunity for personal consultation with program leaders; a general program during the first session planned primarily for the pastor and church staff members; and a final session consisting almost entirely of conferences in which each church council member will be involved.

Conferences to be offered include one for pastors, Sunday School, Church training, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, music, missions, evangelism, Stewardship-Foundation, library, church recreation.

Follow-up associational conferences may be planned by associational leadership but this is not a part of the program being projected and promoted by Mississippi state leadership, according to Dr. Hudgins.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Hard Facts About the Budget

The Convention Board is recommending to the coming convention a 1971 Cooperative Program budget which carries an approximate 5% increase over anticipated income of this year.

This does not even begin to meet the needs and requests of the agencies, but the board "Budget and Allocations Committee" and the board itself, felt that to be realistic the budget for next year should not be more than this small percentage increase over the present year's actual receipts.

The budget is so planned that if more than the proposed budget comes from the churches, 50% of it will go to our Christian education program in the state, and 50% will go to SBC causes.

Mississippi Baptists MUST reach this minimum increase next year, or every cause will suffer. Budgets have been cut to the bare minimum for effective work.

How can this budget be met? There must be increased giving from the churches. That is the ONLY source of Mississippi Baptist Convention budget income. There can be no increase unless the churches give more.

Is there a church in the state which cannot increase its mission giving by at least 5% in 1971? If the church has been giving $100 can it not give $105? If it has been giving $1000 can it not raise that to $1,050? If $10,000 it should not be difficult to make it $10,500.

Actually it will be far better if many churches made the increase 10% or more. Then there will be the extra funds for Christian education and Southern Baptist Convention causes.

This is just plain, practical figuring, but there is no other way for the needs to be met. It is up to you!

Cooperative Program At Work

Often I am asked "Just what is the Cooperative Program?" This could be answered in many ways. Let me answer it this way, I HAVE SEEN THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AT WORK.

I watched a dedicated, trained young native pastor standing in a little concrete block, tin roofed building, in a tiny barrio (farm village) in the Philippines, and looked upon the faces of his congregation as they responded to the message of their pastor. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I shared in a late evening service in the yard of a straw thatched farm home, in the midst of the rice paddies of central Luzon, and watched 14 adults step out from a congregation of about 125 people, at 10:30 at night to accept Christ with joyful faces. Heaven seemed to come down and be very near. This was the Cooperative Program at work.

I looked upon a dedicated missionary who holds a Ph.D. degree, sitting on a window ledge in a little village home, just a mile from the China Sea, using an open Bible to lead an interested man to Jesus Christ as Saviour. This was the Cooperative Program at work.

I sat with a congregation in a brand new bamboo mission building, in a city on the equator in South America, knowing that many of those present had never heard the gospel preached before in their lives. I gazed upon the people as they responded to that gospel, taking the missionary's hand, as an expression of their faith in Christ. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I walked amidst the presses in a publishing house in a South American country, looking upon freshly printed pages of Scripture, knowing that on those presses were published the first Bibles ever printed in that country. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I stood beside a pastor in an attractive Baptist building situated amidst the squalor of one of the worst slum areas of a great city in Italy, and heard the pastor say, "You Southern Baptists built this building with the Cooperative Program." That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I watched a Mississippi missionary in a hospital in a land far away, bending over a suffering patient, ministering to the physical needs of suffering, knowing that later he would tell him about Christ as Saviour. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I trod with a former Mississippi pastor along the streets of an old city in the Northeastern part of the United States, and stepped with him into homes where we had been invited after knocking on the door, and listened as he presented the way of salvation. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I sat in the home of the Executive Secretary of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in South Dakota and listened to this dedicated leader as he discussed the witness for Christ in that great area of the Northwest. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I sat in the offices of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., and felt the pulse of the whole world as it flows through that office. That was the Cooperative Program at work.

I could enlarge this report beyond all the space available in this column. In hundreds of places I have seen Cooperative Program dollars at work. And because I have, I am humbly grateful that God allows me to give through the Cooperative Program.

I know that it works. I have watched it.

Associations Meeting

The annual district associations are meeting this month in Mississippi. The first such group in this state was the Mississippi Association which was organized in 1806. This means that this is the 105th year that these assemblages have been held.

The association has made an unusual contribution to Baptist life through all of these decades. Without the association being formed first, there probably never would have been a state convention, and even after the state convention, and then the Southern Baptist Convention were born, the association still remained the first line of organization and fellowship of the churches, and it remains that today.

Of course, the associations have changed with the times. In the beginning the meeting probably was the most important of the year for the churches. Distances were great and communications were poor, so the annual meeting was a time of unusual fellowship and significance in Baptist life. Some of the minutes of early sessions reveal great preaching, lively debates, and unusual actions.

Today, the association does not occupy the same place that it formerly did, for now there are numerous meetings to attend, communication is almost instant, and distances have been greatly shortened by modern roads and cars. Yet, the annual meeting is important.

It is the one time of the year when representatives of all of the churches come together to bring the annual reports of the churches and to discuss associational business.

It helps retain the unity of our Baptist life, as independent, autonomous churches cooperate in kingdom affairs.

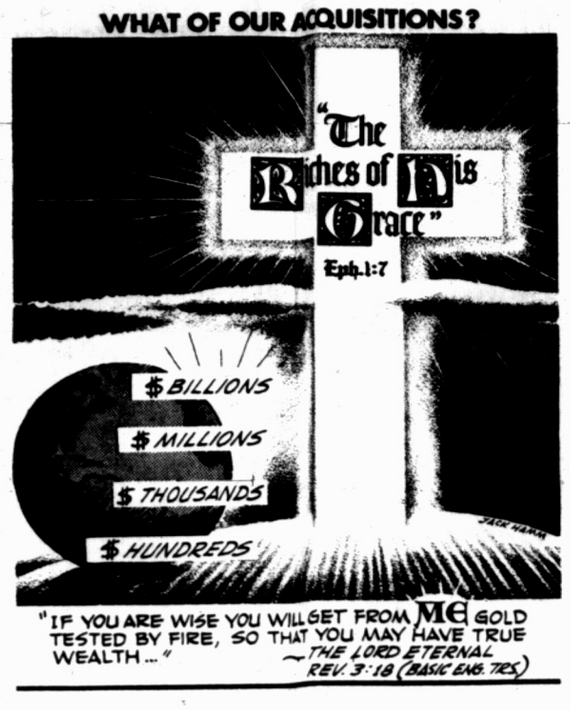
Opportunity usually is given at the meetings for representatives from the state body to represent that larger group and its work.

The church statistical reports are brought to this meeting, and assembled by the clerk to be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention offices, where they are compiled, and made available for state and convention use. It is from these annual reports that all statistics are compiled and permanent records of the state and Southern Baptist Convention are kept.

The associations of today usually set up an executive committee or a missions committee, and many of them have an associational missions program with a Superintendent of Missions. Through this office the work in the association is unified and expanded as needed.

Thus it is that the association, as an organization, still is important, and the annual meeting is still necessary for effective work. Although the programs have been changed, and often have been shortened, every church should have its messengers there, and other members should attend too.

If your association has not yet met, and more than half of them have not, we suggest that you plan to attend the meeting when it gathers within the next few days.



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Hopes To Work In Montana

Dr. Joe T. Odle
Baptist Record Editor
Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Dr. Odle:

Lord willing I plan to graduate from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, May 7, 1971. My wife and I have felt led to the Northwest for some time now. We feel now that he has narrowed his call to the state of Montana. We have visited there and are writitng pastors there and also Brother Leroy Smith.

A friend and fellow student from your state, Robert Hutcheson, told me to write you and Dr. Hudgins, because of your interest in Montana. I have heard through the pastors and Brother Leroy Smith what you and Mississippi Baptists are doing by adopting Montana.

We are making application to the Home Mission Board now, but understand that what they can supply is not enough for a family of four to live on. For someone to make up the difference so that a preacher can work for the Lord full-time is a wonderful thing.

I'm not there yet, but I want to say thank you for this wonderful service to this area that needs Christ as Savior.

As HE Leads,
Robert (Bob) McEachern
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Fort Worth, Texas 76110

Commend Officials For Banning Liquor At Stadium

Honorable Russell Davis
Mayor City of Jackson
Jackson, Mississippi
Dear Mayor Davis:

We the men of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, would like to commend the city officials and police department for your stand against the use of alcohol at Memorial Stadium. Many of our men and their families attend the football games and appreciate very much the effort that is being made to correct a problem which has gotten very bad in recent years.

We realize that the policemen available for the football games cannot do the complete job of controlling the use of alcohol at the Stadium. However, as men who have observed the improved conditions this year we want to commend the police force for the good job they are doing.

It is our hope and prayer that this ban on alcohol at the Stadium will be permanent and that it will be extended to activities at the Coliseum and other public gatherings in the city and state.

We pledge our full support in this effort and trust that other groups will do the same. If in any way the men of our church can be of assistance please feel free to call on us.

Dan Sherman,
Baptist Men's President
Jack Winstead,
Brotherhood Director

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

The Center for the Study of Responsive Law (which produces the Nader Reports on governmental and industrial nonfeasance) has filed a class action suit against Bristol - Myers, charging that B-M's Excedrin ads are "false, misleading and deceptive." If you believe these ads, says the Center, you are paying a lot more than necessary for pain relief. One hundred Excedrin cost $1.12 (in the drugstore we checked), a hundred Bayer aspirin 74 cents, and 1000 of the drugstore's brand sell for 99 cents. In buying a famous brand name, you're really subsidizing the company's huge advertising budget; in 1968, Bristol-Myers spent $9.3 million on Excedrin promotion.

(The New Republic, 8-15-70)

WASHINGTON — The current economic slowdown has taken a heavy toll among young people this summer. Their unemployment rate for June and July rose to 15.7 percent from 12.8 percent in the summer of 1969 and reached the highest peak in six years. Among Negroes aged 16 to 21, the unemployment rate rose to 30.2 percent, from 24.8 percent a year earlier. The unemployment rate among young people compared with a rate of 4.7 percent in June and 5 percent in July for the overall labor force. Congress, with some urging from the Nixon administration, appropriated $50 million extra for the hiring of young people in the Neighborhood Youth Corps, this summer. Meanwhile, the National Alliance of Businessmen increased its efforts to find jobs for youths in the core areas.

(New York Times Service, August 17, 1970)

Billy Graham In Baton Rouge

Dr. Billy Graham and his team will conduct a crusade in Tiger Stadium, on the campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, October 21-25.

This offers opportunity for many Mississippians, especially in the southern part of the state, to attend one or more of the meetings, and thus participate in one of the revivals of the greatest mass evangelistic thrust of this generation. God is using Billy Graham as he is using no other man in this hour. We thank God that he is coming to this section.

We have learned that a special "McComb night" has been planned for Thursday, October 22, when people from that area will be sitting in a reserved section. Those wishing to sit in that section are asked to contact the office of First Church, McComb, for tickets, as long as they last. It may be that there will be special nights planned for other cities in the area. Watch for announcement in your church if such is planned.

Those of us who live too far away to attend, can support the meetings with our prayers. Pray that God will send such a mighty spiritual surge to that area that it will spill out to all this section of the south. We do not know of any greater need than a mighty revival.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Touches Of Elegance

Our family knew that this was going to be a summer of long separations—long in miles and long in days. I decided we'd live it up the week before our hectic summer was to get itself underway, so I allowed each member of the family to choose one meat and one dessert for me to prepare during the week.

I found no surprise at the foods requested — after the initial shock of their cost, that is. It was evident that we were blasting our food budget into orbit. The meat fare included boiled shrimp, shrimp newberg, fried shrimp, and turkey and dressing. Desserts named were lemon ice box pie, chocolate sheath cake, and cheesecake. A few accompanying dishes were also suggested.

But a surprise slipped into the deal when one boy requested that we eat in the dining room and use the pretty stuff in there. His suggestion was heartily approved by the other boys, and we did. Who would have thought teenagers brought up in the casual way of living that has become American would wish for this touch of elegance?

It pleased me at the same time it jolted me. James and I have always managed an occasional elegance—an extravagance we couldn't afford in the concrete but couldn't pass up in the abstract, often justifying it as "something to grow old by."

Our life's momentum increased with each arrival of a boy. Because the needs of the family seemed so masculinely oriented I must have begun somewhere back yonder to tailor-make the atmosphere of our home and to move gradually away from elegance. We even bring our company into the kitchen ('course, our kitchen table is a round oak antique, rather elegant in itself!) where we eat all the time.

A lady told me last summer that when she was a little girl (back during really hard times) that there were two things her mother was going to have, no matter what. One was a rug on the parlor floor, the other a white, starched tablecloth for every meal. She didn't call them touches of elegance but that's what they were, and my friend cherished the memory of them.

Snce then I've thought of people I know who have held onto a touch of elegance. One of the most poignant memories is of a family of very limited income who had steak and rice and gravy on Saturday nights and occasionally invited James and me to enjoy it with them.

It's reasonable to think everybody's life needs touches of elegance, something to enhance the ordinary, something to look back on and make a memory from. Casual living is here to stay, no doubt about that, but I think at our house we will work towards a few touches of elegance that will include these every-surprising boys of ours.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE LIGHT ON THE LORD'S FACE by J. Winston Pearce (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, $1.50, 128 pp.).

Here is a book of inspiration and personal devotion which gives renewed insight into the nature of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Dr. Pearce discusses the importance of faith, purpose in life, and other ingredients which make up a complete spiritual life.

HOW TO FIGHT THE DRUG MENACE by William S. Garmon and Phil Strickland (Broadman, Readers' Plan Selection, 126 pp., $1.50).

"We are a nation of pill - takers. The average child becomes well acquainted with a pediatrician long before he can walk or talk. He is introduced. . .to medicines that can make one well from whatever it is that causes the pain," writes Mr. Garmon. This book examines the underlying problems and causes of drug abuse as well as the construction measures available for cure.

WALKING WITH THE LORD by Malcolm Tolbert (Broadman, 124 pp., Readers' Plan Selection, $1.50).

Taking I John as a basis, the author had given a practical, usable prescription for living the Christian life. Among the topics discussed are brotherly love, taking the church into everyday life, the question of morality, etc.

STRATEGY compiled by George A. Tourney (Word, 249 pp., $5.95).

What can be done to meet the spiritual and other human needs of people in today's American cities? Fourteen churchmen, among them a number of Southern Baptists, discuss the problems of the modern city and the responsibility of the church toward those problems. The papers are a result of a 1968 urban church seminar in Washington, D. C. sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, and others. This will be a valuable handbook for those who are seeking to deal with these problems, but also will offer inspiration and challenge to others who share in meeting them.

SEASONS OF THE SOUL by Nancy Peerman (Word, 154 pp., $3.95).

The author discusses Christian living and the difficulties of living it, especially of doing the will of God in a world situation. She divides the book into three parts: seasons of the soul, season of shadow, and the season of light. The chapters search the heart and face everyday problems. The illustrations are personal and solutions based upon God's promises and presence are clearly shown. Out of her own heart experience, the author has written and what she says will be a blessing to those who read.

VICTIMS OF THE LONG MARCH AND OTHER STORIES by John Pollock (Word, 115 pp., $2.95).

Here are the stories of great Christians whom God used in the past century and a half. Some of the stories go back to men of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but some deal with individuals who have lived for Christ in the twentieth century. This is a story of men who died or who suffered that the gospel message might be proclaimed. The stories previously were presented in either World Vision or Crusade magazines.

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and 1,400 converts (baptisms) in 1971.

An Executive Board has been operating to lay the groundwork for the convention's formation, with Waltz heading the work. Previously, Waltz was area superintendent of missions for Baptists in greater Pittsburg.

In addition to adopting the budget of $120,000 the convention adopted a calendar of activities, elected board members, and voted on a constitution which was a slight revision of the constitution for the Pennsylvanis-South Jersey Baptist Fellowship.

A decision was made not to enter the "cooperative agreement" with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board at this time. A state convention must have 10,000 members in 70 churches to enter the agreement, which provides financial support from the mission board. The board will still give the convention financial support, but it will be through direct aid to specific projects approved by the board in Atlanta.

Top leaders from the national and state conventions working in the area were present, sharing in the program consisting of four sessions.

Representatives and executives from the SBC Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., and the Baptist Convention of Maryland and State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, each participated on the program.

The executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, Arthur B. Rutledge, pointed out that only three state conventions affiliated with the SBC had a greater population than the area of the Pennsylvania - South Jersey convention. They are California, New York, and Maryland (including New England).

The new convention will have offices in Harrisburg, with full operations underway by Jan. 1, 1971. A personnel committee is seeking to employ a director of religious education and a bookkeeper.

The first annual convention of the new Baptist body will meet Nov. 5-6, 1971, at the South Park Baptist Church, Pittsburg.

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Federal School Aid Opposed By Baptists

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current administration in Washington is engaging in unjustified attacks on the public education system in the nation. Their answer to the charges of failure in the public schools is that the public has never "put its money where its mouth is" and that public education has never been given a real chance to produce quality education for all pupils.

Many of the coalition group believe that the proposed voucher experiments of OEO will: (1) create racially segregated schools, (2) develop economically segregated schools, (3) violate the principle of separation of church and state, (4) add a financial burden to the public treasury by paying for private and parochial schools in addition to the public schools, (5) produce administration disaster in all the schools, (6) have inadequate controls for quality education in non-public schools, and (7) create a rush of profit-making firms going into the business of educating the young.

Registers Protest

Members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in semi-annual session, expressed dismay over a recent ruling of a U.S. district court judge here upholding the practice of compulsory religion at the nation's military academies.

To register formally their protest, the committee asked the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee to prepare a friend-of-the-court brief to be filed in the court of appeals here in which the principles of voluntarism and freedom of conscience would be enunciated.

The decision by Judge Howard F. Corcoran on the case, Anderson V. Laird, is now before the D. C. Court of Appeals. The Baptist brief will be filed later this month. Oral arguments on the case will probably be heard after the first of the year.

Judge Corcoran ruled in August that compulsory chapel or church attendance at the nation's three military academies has a "purely secular" purpose and that "'its primary effect is purely secular."

The judge's opinion followed the line of Pentagon spokesmen who argued before the court last spring that the practice of compulsory religion at the academies is "an integral and necessary part" of the military's training package for officers.

Judge Corcoran also noted that "military tradition" and "continuous public acceptance" of a practice carry weight and demand recognition."

The judge's opinion was described by one member of the Baptist Joint Committee as a "fantastic act against the conscience." Roger H. Sharpe of Flint, Mich., suggested that the Baptist brief argue for tradition of freedom of conscience.

Other members condemned the military's practice as using religion "as a tool of the state" and making worship "a vehicle of secular purposes."

Black Convention Joins

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semiannual session here, received the Progressive National Baptist Convention into its membership.

This brings to nine the number of Baptist conventions and conferences in North American which are a part of the Baptist Joint Committee.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, a predominantly black group, was organized in 1961. It has a membership of about 800 churches with more than 750,000 members.

Other black Baptist bodies affiliated with the Baptist Joint Committee are the National Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. For more than a decade, however, these two bodies have been largely inactive in the work of the committee, observers said.

Homer J. Tucker, chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee, a black Baptist from the American Baptist Convention, said that the action of the Progressive Baptists is an indication of improving black-white relations in the country.

President Elected

Warren A. Magnuson of Chicago, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, is the new chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The Public Affairs Committee, in Semiannual session here, also named Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, as first vice chairman. S. S. Hodges, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was chosen as second vice chairman. Miss Elizabeth J. Miller, head of the American Baptist Division of Christian Social Concern, was selected secretary.

Magnuson succeeds Homer J. Tucker, an American Baptist, who has been chairman for the last two years.

The Baptist Joint Committee is made up of representatives from nine Baptist denominations, including the Southern Baptist Convention.

Magnuson, a native of Minnesota, was elected general secretary of the Baptist General Conference in 1969. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, where he was pastor of the Central Baptist Church for 15 years.



Conferences on Non-Evangelicals Held

A SERIES ON Conferences on Non-Evangelicals were held in the state recently sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director. Several present at Pascagoula meeting were, from left, first row: Lloyd Whyte, of Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Rev. J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions of Gulf Coast Association; Rev. Ernest Rockwell, Lauderdale Association. Top row: Rev. Jerry St. John, associate in Cooperative Missions Department; Rev. C. H. Stone, Bellefountain; and Billy Mitchell, of Home Board.

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and tension in the area, but the situation had not been too bad.

Dr. Lovegren plans to return to Ajloun after a brief rest in Beirut. He was able to leave the hospital only after the arrival of Dr. John A. Roper Jr., and Dr. Dean T. Fitzgerald Jr., a few days earlier.

Dr. Roper had settled his family in Beirut and had been trying to return to Ajloun since Sept. 24. He got as far as Amman. During his delay there he worked for nine days in a hospital located in a school. The hospital had probably been set up by the government, Hughey said.

Dr. Lovegren reported that two other missionaries — Miss Violet Popp, a nurse, and Miss Maurine T. Perryman, director of a girls' school —had remained in Ajloun and were doing well.

Commandos had controlled Ajloun, to one side of the hospital, and Jordanian soldiers held Anjara, on the other side. Both forces had been friendly to those at the hospital, Hughey said.

Hospital personnel have treated about 30 battle casualties in addition to their usual number of patients, Hughey said.

Missionary Albert Casteel, Ill; To Visit State

Rev. Albert M. Casteel, Home Board missionary to Puerto Rico, and widely known in Mississippi, is in Nashville, Tenn., where for the past two and one half months he has been undergoing treatment at Vanderbilt hospital.

While he was confined to the hospital for several weeks, he now is an out-patient, going back for check-up and treatment at intervals. He has responded so well to treatment, that he now is planning a preaching trip to Mississippi beginning next week.

Casteel has been ill for several months, and on May 15 was flown home from Puerto Rico to Louisville, Ky. After a brief period there it was decided to send him to Vanderbilt Hospital for extended treatment, and he came to Nashville about July 1. His family is with him and they have taken up residence in the city. Mrs. Casteel (Barbara) now is working at the hospital.

The diagnosis is that Casteel has cancer in both the prostate and pelvic areas. Already he has taken a seven week series of radiation treatments, and has responded well to those. Now he is to see the doctor regularly, and will re-enter the hospital on November 15 for a complete analysis, and decision as to what further treatments or operations are necessary.

The doctors have told Bro. Casteel that the malignancy is of a very slow growing type and that it may be many years before he is completely disabled, even if the cancer cannot be cured.

The family is living at 3002 Dudley Avenue, Nashville, Tenn., 37212. Their telephone number is area 615 297-5041. Mrs. Casteel is working in the Orthopedic Clinic at Vanderbilt.

The Casteels still are under appointment of the Home Mission Board, and he hopes that they can accept a new assignment after the present hospitalization is over, and he is well enough to begin full time service once again.

They have served in mission work for thirteen years. They have spent eight years in Montana, one year in language school, and four years in Puerto Rico. During the four years in Puerto Rico they saw over 1000 professions as a result of their labors, and he baptized over 400. Two churches and two missions were established.

Bro. Casteel now plans to make a preaching trip to Mississippi beginning October 18. He expects to be in the Corinth area, October 18-21, then at Blue Mountain church and college on the 22nd and 23rd. He will speak at Tunica on Sunday morning, the 25th, and at Yazoo City that evening. He plans to be in the Jackson and Hattiesburg area for several days beginning the 26th and will be glad to speak in churches where he is needed. He is using slides and charts to report on his 13 years of mission work in pioneer areas.

Churches and pastors desiring to use him, may contact Mr. Owen Cooper at Yazoo City, or call Mr. Casteel direct at the phone number given above.



Chaplain W. D. Harbour Transferred To Vietnam

Chaplain (Major) William D. Harbour, with his wife and children, have returned to Philadelphia after three years of service with the Armed Forces in Germany. He is being transferred to Vietnam for a year, and the family will live in Philadelphia. He preached at the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, his home church, on Sunday morning, October 12. Shown in the picture are Major and Mrs. Harbour, with Dave 9, Dan 6, and Shawn, 16 months.

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nounced at a board meeting that the foundation has made a loan of $500,000 to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for use in church loans.

Carr P. Collins of Dallas, noted Southern Baptist philanthropist, serves as president of the Baptist Foundation, which has grown in assets from $20 million in 1954 to $93 million in 1970.

J. C. Cantrell, the foundation's executive secretary, estimates that assets will double by 1980 with the foundation paying out $12 million a year by its 50th anniversary.

Bates said that something should be done about the report of the president's commission on obscenity and pornography.

"I hope they renew the study. I wish that someone in this country would get good and mad about it."

Bates was asked if he thought the action of SBC messengers last June in recalling the Broadman Bible Commentary on the Book of Genesis will discourage writers.

"The writers are working for the convention and should realize that the convention has a right to accept or reject their work," he said.

Bates re-iterated his desire to exert a "healing influence in the divisiveness that erupted at the convention in Denver over a progressive versus a conservative course of action.

"It is time for Baptists to get on with their major duty of reaching people," the SBC president said.

"We're getting back to outreach. I think we're on the verge of a great revival."

About The Pornography Commission Report

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mendations in the majority report will be found deeply offensive to Congress and to tens of millions of Americans. And what the American people do not know is that the scanty and manipulated evidence contained within this report is wholly inadequate to support the conclusions and sustain the recommendations.

"Thus, both conclusions and recommendations are, in our view, fraudulent."

Just what were the major recommendations or conclusions of the report. In general, the Commission recommended that Federal, state, and local legislation should not seek to interfere with the right of adults who wish to do so to read, obtain, or view explicit sexual materials. On the other hand, they recommended legislative regulations upon the sale of sexual materials to young persons who do not have the consent of their parents and recommended legislation to protect persons from having sexual materials thrust upon them without their consent through the mails or through open public display. The Commission also recommended that Federal, state, and local legislation prohibiting the sale, exhibition, or distribution of sexual materials to consenting adults should be repealed.

Positive Recommendation

The major positive recommendation called for in the report is a "massive sex education effort" aimed at all segments of the society, adults as well as children and adolescents. "By providing accurate and reliable sex information through legitimate sources, it would reduce interest in and dependence upon clandestine and less legitimate sources," the Commission declared.

In its 1050 page report, the Commission called for the cooperation of parents, schools and churches in helping to form within the individual "a set of positive values and attitudes toward sexuality."

Healthy attitudes and orientations toward sexual relationships "would provide better protection for the individual against distorted or warped ideas he may encounter regarding sex," the Commission report read.

In spelling out characteristics for a comprehensive program of sex education, the Commission said it should encompass "social, psychological and religious information" as well as biological and physiological information.

Also, it continued, special attention should be given to training those in "legitimate communication channels —parents, teachers, physicians, clergy, social workers, etc."

The report stated that "the size of the industry is **small**" and, among other things, suggested a breakdown as to types of sales of materials, including motion pictures, mass market magazines, mass market books, adult-only bookstores, mail order erotica and under-the-counter pornography. Yet, by their own estimates, they add up $770,000,000 per year — plus "tens of millions of paper back books" with no price tag attached. (In their estimate of mail order erotica for 1969, they stated from 12 to 14 millions in sales, and in that year on **one** item, one pornographer claimed he had sales of $9,000,000 in ninety days, according to a **Commercial Appeal** feature story.)

An appraisal: In the light of the above paragraph, I would disagree that the industry is "small." I would agree that we need better and more sex education programs beginning from the home and through other legitimate communication channels. And I would agree with the following statements:

1. Dr. Harry Hollis, S. B. C. Director of Special Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission, said in testimony before the President's Commission, **"Not only are Southern Baptists firmly opposed to pornography,** but it is my impression that the majority favor increased legislative and non-legislative actions to check its spread. This opposition is an outgrowth of a biblical understanding of the nature of human sexuality, the dignity of man, the worth of personhood, the sanctity of the home and the integrity of family life."

2. "In sum, the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission majority represent the preconceived views of the chairman and his appointed counsel that the Commission should arrive at those conclusions most compatible with the viewpoint of the American Civil Liberties Union. Both men singlemindedly steered the Commission to this objective. . . . We stand in agreement with the Congress of United States: The traffic in obscenity and pornography is a matter of national concern." — Excerpt from the minority report.

3. "If lust is an evil, if debauchment of the body is an evil, if prostitution is an evil, if the presence on city streets of sleezy bookshops and pornographic movies is a kind of pollution — if these propositions are so, as the dissenters contend, then society has the right and power to legislate against such evils. I am a free-speech man, but I will buy that view." — James J. Kilpatrick in the **Meridian Star.**

And finally, I would agree with several editorial comments received from our clipping service who all were saying in essence, "Even though it cost $2,000,000, the report belongs in the wastebasket."

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During the month of September, Cooperative Program receipts were down $23,636 or 1.15 per cent compared to September of 1969. Total Cooperative Program contributions for September reached $2,023,402.

John Williams, financial planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee which prepares the monthly financial reports, said he was encouraged that Southern Baptist Convention mission gifts had exceeded the previous year's contributions, especially in the light of reports of decreased giving in other denominations.

Williams said that the projections indicated that the SBC would reach all of its $27.1 million operating budget for 1970, all of the capital needs for 1969 held over until the 1970 budget year, and probably about $200,000 of the 1970 capital needs.

In addition to the $21 million in Cooperative Program contributions so far in 1970, Southern Baptists have given an additional $21½ million in designated contributions to specific mission causes.

Designated gifts have stayed at virtually the same level as 1969 designations, with a slight increase of $16,550 or 08. per cent over the 1969 designated gifts category.

So far during 1970, the denomination has received a total of $42½ million in both Cooperative Program and designated mission gifts, an increase of $471,399 over 1969 total gifts, or 1.12 per cent.

The financial report from the SBC Executive Committee reflects only amounts given to support nationwide Southern Baptist mission causes, and does not include contributions to state and local Baptist mission efforts.

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that repairs on the extensive damage to buildings begin immediately.

"If anyone has an acceptable alternative," Maroney said of the loan, "let him provide it and we will repay the loan immediately. When you have an emergency you have to act quickly. That's what we did."

Acceptance of the loan was approved by a majority of the school's board of trustees executive Committee, which is empowered to act between meetings of the board.

Maroney said there was no called meeting of the 25-man board of trustees because those in the Corpus Christi area are swamped with the personal problem of getting their homes and businesses repaired immediately.

In September, appropriate convention leaders had agreed with a University of Corpus Christi request to open a $340,000 line of credit at a Corpus Christi bank at the standard rate of interest to cover hurricane damage.

Maroney said, however, the federal loan was accepted because it developed there was no time to satisfy all the financial requirements for approval of the line of credit.

No mention of the federal loan application was made in September, when the $340,000 line of credit was discussed. Maroney said the loan application was pending but that he had "dismissed any hope of securing" it at that time.

Maroney said he hopes to repay "the greater part" of the loan with the settlement expected eventually from the insurance companies.

The university reports a current enrollment of 630 students, six more than last year.

Retardation Meet Set For Ellisville

An institute on mental retardation will be held at the Ellisville State School October 22, jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the school. The theme will be, "The Retarded Child and His Church."

Roy Trim, past president of the Mississippi Association for Retarded Children, will speak on "What Our Church Is Doing." Rev. Bernard H. Nail, chaplain at Whitfield State Hospital will speak on "Ministering to the Retarded Child in the Church Community." Also the program will include a tour of the school and special music by the school choir.

Rev. Jerry St. John, of Jackson, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, who will direct the institute, stated that there will be a question and answer period after each message.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the school for 75c.

Mr. St. John said that the institute would be open to all those interested, with special emphasis on pastors, church staff members, and those who work with the retarded, as well as relatives of retarded children.



MC's Annual Fund Campaign Gets Underway

ALL PRESIDENTS — These four men were among those on hand for a dinner meeting at Mississippi College to help kick-off the Ninth Annual Fund Campaign sponsored by the Alumni Association. They all serve as president of the group they represent. From the left, are Nick Walker of Jackson, president of the Alumni Association; T. M. Hederman, Jr., of Jackson, president of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; and Harry Upton of Clinton, president of the Booster Club. They will all be assisting in the $125,000 Annual Fund solicitation. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



CHOCTAW BOOSTERS — These prominent Mississippi Baptist leaders will be assisting in the Ninth Annual Fund Campaign being sponsored by the Mississippi College Alumni Association. From the left are Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor of First Church, Clinton and a member of the college's Board of Trustees; Rev. Rowe Holcomb of Hazlehurst, longtime pastor of the First Church, Hazlehurst and now retired; and A. A. Roebuck of Hazlehurst, longtime state educator and lay leader. They will be helping to raise $125,000 for various needs at the college. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



65 Ministerial Students At Clarke This Session

CLARKE COLLEGE this year has 65 ministerial students. Above are 24 of them, with seven faculty and staff members. From left, **front**: Kenneth Moore, Stark Aldridge, Danny Panter, Robert Lee, Luther Johnson, Vic Carter; **second row**: Steve Bunnell, Ron Windle, Tony Gibson, Jon Doler, Arthur Latham, Wayne Tooley, Leon Lindsey, Monroe Huckaby, Kenneth Sanders, Dr. O. P. Moore, Dr. John F. Carter; **third row**: Bob Wilkerson, David Holt, Kenneth Harrison, Winford McInnis, Steve Sallis, Dr. James L. Clark, Johnny Taylor, Benny Still; **fourth row**: Robert Smith, Dean Victor R. Vaughn, Wayne Styres, Dr. W. L. Compere, president, Randy Johnson; **fifth row**: Donnell Brown, Reggie Kirk, Rev. Paul Brown, Rickey McKay, Frankie Boyette, Jon Jarrard, Leroy Dickinson, Dr. Charles H. Melton, Cecil Miller, Kenneth Pegram, Franklin McLelland. Not pictured: (students) Robert Amos, Troy Bankston, Michael Bryant, Paul Bryant, Charles Burnham, Gordon Cooper, John Davis, Herbert Eichelberger, Marvin Ferguson, Larry Gatewood, Freddie Glasgow, Charles Griffin, Roy Hamilton, Ricky Holloway, Harvey Inmon, Larry Lawrence, Terry Mahan, Charles Mitchell, Bobby Partridge, Travis Polk, Steve Pouncy, Ronald Povaleri, Tommy Purvis, Larry Russell, Eddie Smith, Chris Spurlock, Jesse Steele, Larry Stephenson, Leon Stuart, Thomas Thornton, James Varnon, Ronald Whitlock. (officials) James L. Spender, Woodie Burt, J. B. Costilow.

Names In The News

Bob Koonce has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Second Church, Indianola (Sunflower Association.) Mr. Koonce formerly held similar positions at churches in Grenada, Gore Springs, and Big Creek. He graduated from Coffeeville High School, attended Clarke College and did undergraduate work with the Southern Baptist Convention's Seminary Extension Department. He is married to the former Doris Hill of Memphis. The couple have two children, Paul, 17, and Debra, 14.



Miss Emogene Harris, missionary, may now be addressed at Box 345, Onitsha, Nigeria. A native of Johns, Miss., *Miss Harris was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960.*

Rev. Derrick A. Vickers, who recently entered full - time evangelism has moved to a new location. His address now is Route 7, Box 86, Hattiesburg, Miss (phone 582-1559). "Crestview Church is my central base," he states.

Ricky Buffington and **Joe Buffington** have received eight - year pins and **Mrs. Ester Buffington** a five-year pin at Magnolia Park Church, Jackson, for perfect attendance in Sunday school. Three others at Magnolia Park received pins for less than five years. Rev. Jasper Collins is pastor.

Ronald Shearer, missionary journeyman, was scheduled to [illegible] States on Oct. 3 for a two-year [illegible] of service as a biology [illegible] Zambia (address: P. O. Box RW 390 Lusaka, Zambia). Born in Memphis, Tenn., he also lived near Independence, Miss., while growing up. A graduate of University of Mississippi, Oxford, he was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board in August.

Wade Allen, Jr. is the new minister of music at Westwood, Meridian. He is a student at Clarke College. His father is pastor of Lyman Church. The pastor of Westwood is Rev. W. Buford Usry.

Miss Billie Jo Ashley has received her bar for 14 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school at Providence Church, Cleveland, Rev. I. L. Hill, pastor. She was presented the attendance bar by Sunday school Superintendent Wesley Cobb.

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Rev. Jerry R. McMullen has been elected to the office of Missions and Evangelism in the South Georgia Association of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. He is former pastor of Longino Baptist Church and Bethsaida Baptist Church, Neshoba County. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMullen of Rt. 6, Meridian, he now serves Enigna Christian Church, Enigna, Ga.



Steve Dillard has accepted the position as part time minister of youth for First Church, Tupelo. A student at Mississippi State University, he will be holding the youth room open on Saturday night, taking the bus to out-of-town football and basketball games, and, as his schedule permits will plan fellowships for the young people on Sunday nights.

J. W. Buchanan, Bob Cook and **Dave Megginson** were recently ordained as deacons at First Church, Tupelo.



Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hunt, Sr., Rt. 2, Meadville, members of Providence Church, Meadville, have a remarkable record in Sunday school attendance. Mr. Hunt was not missed a Sunday in 12 years, and Mrs. Hunt has not missed in 14 years. Mr. Hunt is 78 years of age and Mrs. Hunt 73. They say that they give God all the credit for blessing them with good health. Rev. Franklin Haire is pastor.

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Paul W. Stevens, director of Christian training at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo. will be listed in the 1970 volume of **Outstanding Young Men of America** being published this fall.



Stevens was nominated for this honor by New Orleans Seminary, on the basis of his outstanding service as a pastor. Stevens is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Louisiana before accepting a position with Southwest in 1969. He and his wife, Glenda, and children, Andrew and Pippi, reside in Bolivar. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. K. Z. Stevens, pastor of the Friendship Church, Columbus, Miss.

Three Mississippi College professors have been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS OF AMERICA. Selected for the honor were **Dr. Sarah Rouse,** chairman of the Division of Humanities and professor of English; **Dr. Swinton Hill,** associate professor of education; and **Dr. Phil McCarty,** assistant professor of Bible and religious education.

Clint Nichols has accepted the call of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, as interim minister of music. A graduate of OBU and [illegible] Orleans Seminary, Mr. Nichols has had special training in New York and is completing a Ph.D. degree at Florida State. He is an assistant professor of voice at USM.

Miss Lolete Dotson, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, may now be addressed at 323 Westover Dr., Birmingham, Ala. 35200. Born in Town Creek, Ala., the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, Miss Dotson grew up in Southern Rhodesia. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956. She is a Blue Mountain graduate.

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William Carey Exceeds 900 For First Time

William Carey College, for the first time in the history of the school, has exceeded the 900 mark for the fall enrollment. The total registration figure for the new semester just begun shows a head count of 903 students. In addition to this, the number of ministerial students has been increased by approximately 8% in this year's class, 114 men are classified as ministerial students compared to 105 in last year's figures.

The new William Carey College School of Nursing has a total of 50 students, including one young man who is the school's first male nursing student. In the Carey School of Music there are 85 music majors and considerably more minoring in the area. There are twelve candidates for graduate degrees in the new graduate programs in church music and music education.

The proportion of Carey's students who are married continues to increase. A vast number of last year's dormitory students are no longer in the dormitories. They are still enrolled as full-time students, and many have married Carey students.

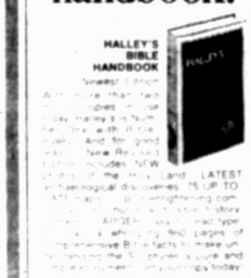
A larger number of freshmen from the immediate Hattiesburg area are enrolled this year at Carey than in previous years.

Wade Bryant, Virginia Minister, Dies

RICHMOND (BP)—Wade H. Bryant, minister of visitation from the Northminster Baptist Church and former president of the Virginia Baptist General Association, died Oct. 3 at the age of 72.

A well-known Southern Baptist leader, Bryant had been pastor of Clemson University Baptist Church, the Northminster church, and First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va. He retired in 1967 when he was pastor of Derbyshire Baptist Church, also in Virginia. He was a former member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board and chairman of the board of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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Miss Chambers received her Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education from Mars Hill College, and studied art under a scholarship at Greenville School of Art. She has done graduate work at the University of S. C. A native of Asheville, N. C., she has moved into a newly redecorated home provided by Van Winkle Church. Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor.

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By Clifton J. Allen

Nehemiah 8:1-8; Psalm 119:9-16; Acts 17:10-12; 1 Corinthians 12:31 to 14:1; 2 Timothy 1-2; 3:14-17

The Christian life is not lived on a high level without using resources for learning and growth, without moral struggle and without spiritual consecration. Appropriately, therefore, for a period of weeks our lessons constitute a unit on "Helps to a Maturing Faith." No help is more basic or more crucially important than the one to be considered in this lesson, the values of Bible study.



The truth of the Bible is God's word to man. It is energized by the quickening Spirit. It is therefore constructive and corrective to guide the Christian as to the content of his faith and as to the motivation for doing the work of Christ in the world.

The Lesson Explained

Safeguard Against Sin

Psalm 119:9-16

The psalmist declared that a young man will keep his way pure by taking heed to God's Word. What applies to a young man is true also of an older person. The truth of the Bible hidden in the heart—that is, stored up in one's mind—fortifies a person against evil desire and temptation of all sorts. His conscience is quickened about right and wrong. He feels with more conviction the iniquity and wickedness of disobedience toward God and of yielding to the desires of Satan. But, more important, a person finds that the truth of the Bible encourages him in aspiration for what is holy and just and kind and generous. The Christian who will resolutely and regularly study the Bible will find that he is fortified in moral purpose and strength.

Instruction As To Salvation

2 Timothy 3:14-15

Paul's instruction to Timothy is a classic passage on the value of studying the Bible. One learns from the Bible the necessity for salvation growing out of his sin and disobedience toward God, the provision of salvation made by God's grace in Jesus Christ, the way of salvation by faith in Christ or by trust in him and full commitment to him, and the fuller meaning of salvation in terms of Christian discipleship under the lordship of Christ. The truth of the Bible gives us instruction on which to act in faith in response to Christ, to make us feel the urgency of surrender to Christ as the only way to receive the forgiveness of sins, and to give us assurance of God's acceptance of us in Christ and of his saving work in us by the power of his Spirit. There is no other way of salvation — by creed or ritual or sacrament or works of righteousness. Christ is the way. The Christian needs to be grounded unshakably in the understanding of this truth.

Resource For Growth

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The truth of the biblical revelation has come to us by inspiration: it is the word from God. And now we have four ways or four areas in which the truth of the Bible has special relevance and profit. (1) It is profitable for doctrine, that is, teaching. We gain from the Bible an understanding of the doctrines of our faith, doctrines pertaining to becoming believers in Christ and with respect to living the Christian life. In other words, we learn from the Bible the teachings about God and man and sin and salvation and life now and life hereafter in God's everlasting kingdom. (2) The Bible is profitable for reproof. Its truth indicts the conscience, rebukes waywardness, points out to one the error of his ways, and convinces him about wrongdoing and the obligation to do what is right and well pleasing before God. (3) The truth of the Bible is profitable for correction. It is rectifying in its impact on the life of a Christian, inspiring him with renewed purpose and sense of responsibility and discernment as to the values that ought to come first in life. (4) The overall value of Bible study is training in righteousness that the Christian may be completely equipped for every good work. One is trained by being nurtured in doctrinal understanding, by being disciplined for decisions about moral conduct, and by being encouraged and stabilized to endure trial, to resist evil, to show love, to witness faithfully to other persons, and to cherish the hope of the Lord's return.

Truths to Live By

The neglect of the Bible brings tragic results. — This will lead to forgetting God and indifference to him as the source of all goodness, the only hope of forgiveness, the object of true worship, and the Lord of life. To forget God will result in breaking his commandments, rejecting his mercy, and reaping his judgment. The neglect of the Bible results in spiritual confusion, intellectual doubts, and moral weakness. The Christian who neglects the Bible is almost certain to become cold and careless about spiritual duty, become self-centered and preoccupied with worldly satisfactions, and become an easy victim of temptation, bitterness, and discouragement.

The study of the Bible is a means of spiritual renewal and blessing.— The truth of the Bible confronts us at the point of our need; it fits life. Thus we are renewed by the working of God's Spirit in us—renewed in zeal, renewed with a sense of joyous privilege, renewed with a sense of mission, and renewed with assurance that God in Christ by his Spirit is at work in this world.

Bible study should have a prior place in the Christian's life. — With an understanding of its importance, and the blessing to come from it, the Christian will wisely schedule some time each day for a systematic and purposeful study of the Scriptures. He will study the Bible with intense interest to learn important facts, to gain instruction about personal duty and ways to serve the Lord. And always the study of the Bible ought to call for sensitivity to the presence of the Holy Spirit. He is present in the truth of the Scriptures, he is the best interpreter of the Scriptures, and he is eager to help us understand the Scriptures. All this means that the Christian will give priority to the Word of God — time for reading and study, eagerness to learn, and willingness to obey.

Freedom and Law

Gal. 3:15-4:31

By Bill Duncan

The United States is called the land of freedom. Yet we have all kinds of laws. There are more laws than we can name. The freedom we enjoy is protected by laws and guaranteed by the constitution. What is the purpose of a law anyway? Is it to teach us the proper respect for persons, property and rights of others? Why do we have a speed limit in our town? I am glad that there is some regulation that seeks to guide people in how to drive in front of my house so that my children might be safe from the carelessness of a speeding driver.



God gave the law to Moses to teach the people of Israel how to live in an orderly society and how to respect God. The keeping of the law was never intended to make possible a way of salvation from sins. The basic law of Moses did place a limitation upon obedient Jews concerning foods, and behavior. However by the time of Jesus man's interpretation of Moses Law had built up a series of regulations that have become a burden to the seeking Jew. These regulations were broken by Jesus on many occasions. Such as healing on the Sabbath. But Jesus did not break the basic commandments of God given to Moses for the sake of the people. The 10 commandments can be kept. Jesus did.

But we did not keep them, in spirit or practice. We do not have the proper attitude and action toward our God or neighbor. Therefore we need help that God intended Jesus Christ alone could give. Forgiveness for sin and redemption only come through Christ. Freedom is a by product of Salvation.

The Purpose of the Law

In trying to determine any truth about Hebrew history one must begin with Abraham the father of the HEBREWS. God made a covenant with Abraham that the Nation would know salvation through "the seed" that was promised to him. The Nation would be blessed and they in turn would be a blessing if they shared the promise to other Nations would accept it by faith.

The law was in implementation of the promise and subject to the promise. The law was to teach men to have faith as a means of salvation and to depend upon God as the foundation of life on which one could build a life. Moses was used by God to be "the lawyer" to respect God before the people. He received it from God and explained it to the people.

Is the law then contrary to God's promise? Could God give a promise that described salvation by faith and then gives a law that prescribed salvation by works? No, it is impossible. God who made the promise and the law alone could give life.

The law was to point out the sinfulness of life as contrasted to God and to show the need for salvation in God's Messiah that would come. The function of the law was fulfilled when faith in Christ became a reality. For this relationship to God now regulated life and pointed out man's need.

These two figures of speech that point out what it means to be saved. (1) **Baptized into Christ.** The act of immersion symbolizes the individuals commitment of faith. The commitment of faith was all tth)at was necessary. (2) **Put on Christ.** This represents union with Christ which characterizes a believer as putting on a new wardrobe as a new man.

The Purpose of Freedom

There is a contrast between freedom and law like between child and slave. The slave is under certain laws and responds to the Lord thereby. The child is under certain guidelines until maturity is reached but afterward freedom is given regulated with love toward the other. Sonship is not limited to Jesus alone. Jews and Gentiles can enjoy the freedom that Christ alone can give.

If the Galations were to go back to keeping regulations imposed by Jews upon them, it would be like a second childhood were guidelines were necessary. The child is one without understanding. The grace of God alone can redeem one from bondage of ignorance of God and make him free in Christ.

The freedom that God gave to his children was to encourage self-expression. The believer knows that he loves God and mankind, but he wants to relate to each in love. Man is free to love (seek the best for the other) . . .God and man. Religion is more than belief it is behaviour. We take the talents and cause them to grow by use.

Freedom removes the barriors to expose the believer to the potential. We are not slaves of God but sons.

Do you remember when your child first said "Da Da?" He was trying out his freedom of expression but you acknowledged the love with pride. When a child of God can learn to say Father, he understands the personal relationship we have with God.

Sonship is freedom. If we are sons of God then are we free. This relationship is based upon God's grave, not our right because of our goodness. When we are sons then are we able to tell others of our freedom and their opportunity to find freedom in Christ.



Van Winkle Honors Pastor On 25th Year

Van Winkle Church, Jackson, honored the pastor, Rev. H. A. Milner, on his twenty-fifth anniversary Sunday, October 4. A bronze plaque was presented to him in recognition of his twenty-five years of service at Van Winkle, and a reception was held on Sunday evening. Earlier this year the church presented the Milners a check for $2500 for both Mr. and Mrs. Milner to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo as a part of their anniversary recognition. The church has experienced a tremendous growth during his ministry, going from a membership of just over 100 to almost 2000. Pictured above is Frank Brantley, left, chairman of deacons, presenting the plaque to Milner.

Brotherhood



Brotherhood Banquet

The annual Brotherhood Banquet which always comes on Monday evening preceding the opening session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on Tuesday, will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Parkway Baptist Church, 2603 West Capitol Street, Jackson, November 9.

Mr. Lee Franklin of Millbrook, Alabama, will be our feature speaker. Mr. Franklin was with us several years ago and has been invited back by popular demand.

The banquet program will begin at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are $1.50 per person, and may be obtained from the Brotherhood Department, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Highland, Laurel: September 27-Oct. 4; Pastor Ralph Graves, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, song director; 23 additions; eight professions of faith; 15 by transfer of letter.

Sunflower Honors Late Deacon

M. W. Jefcoat, With Memorial Plaque

The following resolution was adopted by Sunflower Church on the death of Milton W. Jefcoat.

"Whereas, upon the death of Milton W. Jefcoat, Sunflower Church has suffered the loss of one of its most faithful and dedicated servants, this having been demonstrated in his leadership, vision and steadfast loyalty in the service of Christ:

"Whereas, Milton W. Jefcoat was a member of Sunflower Church for 12 years; a deacon 12 years, having been ordained in Linn Church in 1949; Training Union director; Sunday school teacher; chairman of deacons; a significant leader in the construction of the new sanctuary, 1966; a participant in The Mississippi Layman's Montana Crusade; an influential leader in the state and county as well as the Sunflower community;

"Be it therefore resolved, that we express our appreciation for this distinguished servant, who through his devotion, love and sacrificial service has left us a good example and a challenging heritage.

"Be it further resolved, that a plaque reading, 'In memory with love and appreciation of Milton W. Jefcoat as a deacon and leader of Sunflower Baptist Church January 12, 1958 to August 19, 1970.' The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness," be presented to the family in his memory."

Sunshine (Rankin) Plans Homecoming On 10th Anniversary

Sunday, October 18, the Sunshine Church, Rankin County, will observe the 10th anniversary of the church. The day is planned for homecoming for all former members. Rev. Shalley Vaughn, the first pastor of the church, who is now principal of the Florence School System, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served at the church and open house for the new Pastorium will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 in the afternoon. The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:45 a. m.

Those serving on the Planning Committee are Mrs. W. H. Westberry, Chairman, W. H. Westberry, Billy Joe Grantham, Mrs. Billy Joe Grantham, Jimmy Thompson, Mrs. R. C. Denson and Mrs. Wallace Chastain. Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor, extends a welcome to everyone to attend, especially former members, pastors, interim pastors, and music directors and those responsible for the beginning of the church.

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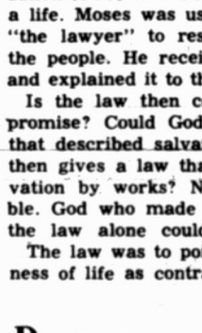
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Blind Man In Handsboro Is Robbed, His Life Threatened, Because Of His Distribution Of The Scripture

By Dr. Wesley G. Ellis, Pastor
Handsboro Church, Gulfport

Handsboro Church has been experiencing a genuine revival despite the activities of Satan. We continue to marvel at God's blessing. Peopleare concerned about lost, young people boldly witness, and public decisions are recorded regularly.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Camille, the Lord began to use one of our laymen, J. C. Broom, Jr., in a significant way. Blind for more than two years, he found the Lord while living in our community and was baptized into our fellowship. Immediately he began to witness, purchasing tracts and Scripture portions to distribute door to door, with the help of neighbors and fellow members. Some of his materials were purchased from the American Bible Society.

When the hurricane struck in August of last year, the ABS sought out Mr. Broom to be their distributor of Scriptures in this area. He has been instrumental in giving away more than one hundred thousand Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions since Camille, going into churches, schools, homes, shopping centers, and on street corners. Primary in distribution has been **Good News for Modern Man** in both Protestant and Catholic editions.

Brother J. C. has had access to churches of most denominations and all races. He has placed Bibles in Catholic schools for classroom study and has been welcomed from the pulpit by Catholic and Protestant alike. His testimony for the Lord has been received as evidence of the miracle-working power of God.

He says he is glad he is blind, for if he had not become blind he probably would not have been saved. One can begin to assess the impact of Scripture distribution in this area by the fact that last April the fifth grade of a local Catholic school presented a dramatization of John 13:1-18:11 **from memory** in Handsboro Baptist Church on Wednesday night, based on **Good News for Modern Man.** Last May Brother Broom was recognized in New York with honorary lifetime membership in the American Bible Society, honorary membership on the board of directors of the **ABS**, and the gift of Cassette recordings of the New Testament.

Since returning from New York, Brother J. C.'s life has been endangered. The first of June he started receiving threatening phone calls from two different men who told him that they would kill him if he didn't stop distributing that "dirty book," **Good News.** In his darkness and alone, he did not share this even with his wife Mary or with his pastor. However, on the first of September a deacon's wife got a call from someone who spoke about "getting killed." The next day another deacon received a call which said that "the deacons had better stop Mr. Broom from giving out those Bibles around here, or something will happen to him." The matter was brought up in prayer meeting on September 2nd. During the next few days several threatening phone calls were received by at least three other families. The chairman of the deacons was told by a cursing woman that if the deacons didn't stop the Bible work, Mr. Broom would be killed and the church would be blown up.

By now the Gulfport Police Department was notified and had begun working on the case. With the assurance that security would be provided, Mr. Broom came to our church September 6 for the first time in several months and gave out Bibles at the end of the service. When he got home that afternoon he received two calls from a woman who laughed and hung up.

On the following Thursday morning, after his wife had gone to work and his son to school, Mr. Broom received a knock on his front door. Although blind, Mr. Broom has welcomed many visitors as friends for the distribution and sale of Bibles. This visitor threatened him with a knife, however, cut his shirt, broke his cane, tied his hands to his feet, put a pillowcase over his head, scattered his Bible stock, and cut some copies of **Good News.** "You were warned not to give away any more!" said the intruder, who soon left, taking more than three hundred dollars in cash. A laundry man discovered Brother Broom's plight some thirty minutes later.

Armed robbery, a capital crime, had been committed, and the police began more intensive work. On the Sundays since September 10, plain-clothed police officers have been present in the services at the church. Others have been on the parking lot or in the vicinity of the building. We are attempting to keep responsible and armed men with Brother Broom during the daytime when he would normally be alone. The pastor has served on several occasions.

Meanwhile, the pressure upon Brother Broom has been intense. The brakes failed on the car, the telephone went dead, someone rang the doorbell and tapped on windows near midnight on two different nights — any of which could be coincidental but which also add to the uncertainty. He and others have been harassed by callers who hang up when the phone is answered. Within recent days Brother J. C. received a phone call from the man who robbed him, saying "We know what's going on. You've got the 'fuzz' on your back. This can't last forever. Sooner or later you're going to be alone, and we'll get you!"

Understandably, these are difficult days, especially for J. C., Mary and their son Tim. They need all the prayers and encouragement that friends can give (write him: J. C. Broom, Jr. 2106 O'Donnell Blvd., Mississippi City Station, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501). He is especially concerned about the multitudes of people who are blind like him or otherwise handicapped and who need the Word of God. The American Bible Society provides recordings, tapes, Scripture in Braille, and other services. Write to him about this.

Meanwhile, our people are encouraged to look unto Jesus, not at the dangers or threats. We are praying for and sharing information with the police that the case may be solved soon. The Lord has blessed with many public decisions in the past few weeks.

Flora Calls Assistant Pastor

Edward S. Haynes has accepted the call as assistant pastor, music and youth director at Flora Church, Flora, after having served for two years as minister of music and youth director of First Church, Byram.



A native of York, Alabama, and the son of Rev. and Mrs. N. H. Haynes, Jackson, he has attended the University of Alabama and has also attended Mississippi College. He is married to the former Norma Sandra Hedgepeth of Columbia. They are now living in Flora, where Mr. Haynes began his work September 13. Rev. James E. Walker is pastor at Flora.



SCANNING THE MAP OF FLORIDA which will be her immediate area of assignment is Joyce Barnett, new William Carey College Admissions staff member. Shown discussing her duties with Miss Barnett is Bryan Brand, Director of Admissions for the college. A graduate of Carey in 1969, Miss Barnett is a native of New Orleans where she has taught school for the past year.

Stewardship Emphasis In MEN'S JOURNAL

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A special stewardship emphasis in the October-November-December issue of **Baptist Men's Journal** features three outstanding head football coaches:

Frank Broyles, Univ. of Arkansas, Paul Dietzel, Univ. of South Carolina, and Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys, discuss their reasons for tithing and the responsibilities of stewardship in "The Coaches Tithe."

Clear Branch Homecoming

Rev. George Lewis, pastor, will deliver the morning message during homecoming day at Clear Branch Church, Rt. 2, Florence, on October 18. Rev. E. N. Sullivan, a former pastor, will bring the message in the afternoon.

The day's services will begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday school. Following lunch to be served at the church, the afternoon service will begin at 1:30. The public is invited.

Devotional

"How To Handle Handicaps"

II Corinthians 12:7-10
By Gerald Buckley, Pontotoc

Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott were both lame. Byron was embittered by his lameness, and brooded over it until he hated it. He never entered a public place but his mind dwelt upon his lameness. So much was this a factor that much of the color and zest of life were lost for him. Sir Walter Scott, on the other hand, never complained or spoke one bitter word about his handicap. Not even his dearest friends ever heard him complain about it. Is it surprising that Sir Walter Scott should receive a letter one day from Lord Byron with this sentence in it: "Ah, Scott, I would give all my fame to have your happiness."



We all have handicaps. This subject touches every person. Every man has the difficulty of dealing with his limitations. Since we all have handicaps, it is important that we learn how to handle them.

Paul had a "thorn in the flesh" with which to deal. No one knows what Paul's thorn was. We do know that it was a great bother. Three times Paul asked the Lord to remove this handicap. Like the rest of us, he has to struggle with a limitation.

If we are to deal effectively with our handicaps, we must avoid bitterness. It is so easy to waste our time wallowing in self-pity. The answer does not lie in a person's feeling sorry for himself. We should also avoid allowing a sense of inferiority to take hold of us. The psychologists say quite properly that we all have a great need for self-acceptance.

A reason why many have such pain in dealing with their limitations is that they keep comparing themselves with others. They wish they looked like someone else, or they wish they could perform like another person. It is a wonderful day in the life of a handicapped person when he decides to be himself.

History is filled with case after case of people who have been victorious over their handicaps. Beethoven composed music although he was deaf. Milton wrote poetry even after he was blind.

Often we hear it said that a person has succeeded in spite of his handicaps. However, I would submit to you the thought that many persons have made a success **because** of their handicaps. Handicaps develop character like nothing else. Booker T. Washington had a famous speech entitled "The Advantages of Disadvantages."

The philosophy of the world is quite simple in the face of handicaps. The world says "keep your chin up and do not give in." But for many this philosophy is not enough. When Paul struggled with his thorn in the flesh, he found that he needed to get down to a deeper level. He was a strong personality, but self-reliance was not enough. Paul asked the Lord three times to remove the thorn. It was not removed. It was a burden that had to be carried until the end of his life. But his prayer did not go unanswered. This was the answer: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Revival Dates

Calvary, Pascagoula: Oct. 18-25; often referred to as "America's 'IN' Evangelist," preaching; services on Sundays at 11 a. m. and eacn night at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the final service which is to be conducted in the football stadium at 8 p.m. with ten thousand expected to attend; Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, leading the music, assisted by Mrs. Larry Hollingsworth at the organ and Mrs. Van Graham at the piano; various musical groups from the church will present music throughout the week; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Byram Homecoming

Byram Church will celebrate their annual homecoming day, Sunday, October 18.

During the last 26 years of the pastoral leadership of Rev. Henry J. Bennett, the last year has been one of the best, with 95 people requesting membership in the church. The church has proven its stable leadership in the community and city.

The services Sunday will include "dinner-on-the-ground" at the noon hour. Members, former members, and friends have a special invitation.

Carey "Putting It All Together" For Annual High School Day Oct. 24

William Carey College will be "Putting It All Together" for their annual High School Day, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24, on the Hattiesburg campus.

Highlights of the day will be a special new folk musical called HAPPENING NOW! The performance, elaborate in staging and dramatic form, will feature the outstanding William Carey College Chorale and will be under the direction of Buryl Red, well - known conductor and producer from New York City. Buryl Red will be assisted by Lewis Bolton, the original choreographer and former associate editor of the Church Recreation Magazine of Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

Beginning at 9 a.m. visiting high school and junior college students will be registering and greeted by Carey students and faculty. A coffeehouse, interspersed with notes of welcome, will be in session a large portion of the morning. Faculty conferences will follow and visiting students will be counceled by informed persons in the department of their interests.

A free lunch for all guests will be served in Carey's new Wilkes Dining Hall, under management of Morrison's Food Service. Campus tours will be conducted an an organizational fair will be set up to feature all campus clubs and activities. A 2 p.m. the musical HAPPENING NOW! will be presented in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

"Students will be free to leave campus by 3 p.m." advised Bryan Brand, Director of Admissions. All persons wishing to attend the day's activities should phone or write for reservations to the Office of Admissions, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401, phone: 582-5051.

"Always a big day on our campus, this year's High School Day is expected to be the largest ever," said Pres. J. Ralph Noonkester. "We sincerely invite all high school students and junior college sophomores to be our guests for this occasion."

Off The Record

"Are you a Christian?" the preacher inquired. "Nope, Mr. Christian lives up the 'holler' " answered the mountaineer. "What I mean is, Brother, are you lost?" persisted the preacher. "Well, I reckon not," replied the mountaineer. "I have been here nigh on to thirty years and know every cow path in these here hills." "You don't understand," said the preacher. "I mean are you ready for the Judgment Day?" "When is it comin?" asked the mountaineer. "Well," said the preacher, "it might come today or it might be tomorrow." "For goodness sakes, don't tell my missus," cautioned the mountaineer. "She'd ant to go to both days!"—"The American Baptist."

Have you noticed that people become quieter as they grow older?
They have more to keep quiet about.

WISER

Marriage counselor: "And how long have you been married?"

Husband: "Long enough to know that there are some things you can't say with flowers."



Carey Receives 72-Volume Memorial Library

William Carey College is the recipient of a 72-volume memorial library given by Dr. and Mrs. Jack A. Smith in memory of Mrs. Smith's grandfather, the late Dr. Charles Lee Guice of Gadsden, Ala. Shown with Mrs. Smith as she made the presentation, above left, Dr. J. V. McCrory, Chairman of the Library Committee, and Mr. Young Lee, Carey librarian. Dr. Smith is administrative assistant to the dean of the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Earl L. Price (daughter of Dr. Guice), is assistant professor of art at Carey College.

Baptist Encampment Is Brazilian Phoenix

By June P. Carter

The land is naked in places, but in others it is covered with long, billowy grass. Weathered fenceposts supporting strands of barbed wire almost seem to have grown from the flat earth.

This is Palma Baptist Assembly in the interior of southern Brazil, a former Latvian colony that is now farm, furniture factory and national Baptist encampment. **The assembly, to be dedicated in October,** has risen from the dying remains of another Baptist enterprise, one that was begun 50 years ago.

In the early 1920s large numbers of vigorous young Latvian Baptists, weary of Russian domination and bent on doing the will of God, struck out for Brazil. The land they had been promised by the Brizilian government in the state of Sao Paulo was so overgrown that the pioneers had to hack their way in with axes.

Isolated but self-sufficient they lived a communal life. Heat, humidity and disease took their toll. Hundreds died. Those who lived wrested their very existence from the poor land.

Over the years their young left to be absorbed into Brazilian life, but the elderly, having sought to do God's will in going, now sought to do His will in staying.

In spite of their economic difficulties over the years, the immigrants had always given generously to the cause of missions. In 1964 they gave the largest contribution of all, the very life they had hacked out of a wilderness. They gave their land.

Because they were Baptists, they gave the land to the Brazilian Baptist Convention, asking only that they be cared for in their declining years and allowed to live out their days on the soil that had been watered with their own sweat.

Their number has dwindled now to just over 30; half are over 75 years old and few younger than 70. They receive a small monthly allowance, raise some chickens and grow a few vegetables. Isolated yet, they cling to their own customs and their own language.

Meanwhile, all around them, Palma is bustling again. A Southern Baptist missionary from North Carolina, Fred L. Hawkins Jr., oversees its several enterprises. Just as the Latvian colonists had to wrest farms from the unwilling land, he has struggled to wrest the encampment from it. The project is expensive, and from the beginning money has been scarce.

Although the property abounded in buildings, few could be adapted for assembly use, so Hawkins has planned and supervised the gradual construction of new buildings. He also oversees the farm, the property's principal enterprise. Because the land is so poor and fertilizer so expensive, Hawkins has centered his efforts on the herd of Holstein cattle.

An agronomist, Robert S. Erwin, spent his two-year assignment as a missionary journeyman at Palma. Introducing methods such as artificial insemination, he worked toward upgrading the quality of the herd in order to increase milk production. Hawkins expects that Erwin's efforts will begin paying off soon.

Six laborers milk approximately 80 cows per day. Two hundred pounds of butter per week is shipped to the city of Sao Paulo and sold for home and industrial use.

About 20 horses are kept on the farm to help work the land and herd the cattle. "Most of our workers are cowboys," says Hawkins. Although tractors are used, several pairs of oxen round out the work force with lots of power but little speed."

Cultivated acreage is planted in grasses, corn and sorghum for fodder. Silage is stored in brick-lined, eight-foot-deep trench silos. A covering of dirt and dead grass seals and preserves the silage after it is packed into the trench by a tractor.



AGRONOMIST Robert S. Erwin, who worked on the Palma Baptist Assembly farm in Brazil during his two-year term as a missionary journeyman, drives cows in to be milked. (Photo by Gerald S. Harvey)



BILLY HAWKINS, son of missionary Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., Brazil, helps in furniture and toy factory by cutting out teaching puzzles with a jigsaw. (Photo by Fred L. Hawkins, Jr.)

Persistent poverty has oppressed Palma from its beginnings; Hawkins has had to turn every conceivable stone to assist in financing the assembly. Thus, Brazil's first factory for church furniture and equipment has come into being. Originally set up to manufacture doors and windows for the assembly buildings, Palma's woodworking shop branched out into child-size tables and chairs for Sunday Schools.

Now, with three full-time workers, the factory supplies church needs from children's housekeeping furniture, bookcases and magazine racks to lecterns, pulpits and pews, all styled in up-to-date fashion. The factory catalogue offers educational toys such as puzzles, sets of building blocks complete with columns and arches, and carts on rollers to store and move the blocks.

Hawkins calls the factory "a thing of the future." Last year's sales amounted to just $4,000. But as the only such supplier in Brazil, the factory meets a need among churches. In so doing it provides promotion for the camp.

Fred Hawkins, who has worked at Palma for six years, is about to see his labor rewarded. Brazil's summer season, December through March, is approaching, and several bookings for the encampment have already been accepted. Three dormitories are ready, and a fourth is near completion. A central building contains, besides the kitchen, a dining hall and auditorium, both of which seat 250 persons.

Administration of the encampment will be turned over to the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board in October, when the camp is formally dedicated. The Religious Education Council will handle scheduling. Each agency of the convention will promote its own special week at the camp and plan its own program. Hawkins will supervise the continuing development and maintenance of the camp property and facilities.